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Bob Odom, Commissioner

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# Feeding America: Who pays & why

*Farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pen and you are a thousand miles from the cornfield. - Dwight D. Eisenhower, 34th President of the United States*

By Ashley Rodrigue

How quickly people forget about the farm and the farmer when their stomachs are full and they have clean clothes to wear in the morning.

In the modern world, how food came to be on the plate or how fibers became a shirt are far less important than the quality and flavor of the meal and the trendiness of the outfit. And many consumers don't even worry with those concerns, they just want food and clothes and they want them right now.

That can leave American farmers out in the cold when it comes to consumer support for a way of life many view as the cornerstone for this nation's survival.

"Agriculture is just as relevant today as it was yesterday," Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Bob Odom said. "The economy might change, technology may advance, and science may evolve but agriculture is still agriculture."

"We can grow better crops with fewer chemicals and can plow the fields with better equipment, but we will always need farmers. I've yet to see a computer that can make planting decisions, plow a field, plant a crop, tend it and harvest it without the input of a farmer."

What these technological advancements in agriculture mean to farmers is they must play the role of a true businessman, or woman, not only growing their crop but marketing it and promot-

ing their industry to consumers along the way.

"Agriculture is big business. With all of the further processing and value added products, it's a \$20 billion industry in Louisiana," Odom said. "It's imperative that we tell the consumer we're out here toiling in the sun to provide all of us safe, affordable and abundant food and fiber. With everything that's going on in the world today, agriculture and the ability to grow our own food has become a national security issue."

"We cannot depend on other countries to feed us. We've seen what has happened in the oil situation when we depend on terrorists and dictators."

Odom said in order for American farmers to continue to compete in the global market with other nations that heavily subsidize their farmers, the United States will have to support its farmers with low-interest loans, loan deficiency payments, direct payments and counter-cyclical payments.

"No one's getting rich off the government, they're just trying to make a decent living while providing us with food and fiber," Odom said. "They don't have the protection of a climate-controlled building equipped with 24-hours of light, this isn't manufacturing or banking - it's planting a seed and holding your breath until something green breaks through all that brown. Without some kind of support, you just can't do it."

In recent months farm programs have been threatened by proposed Bush administration budget cuts. The proposed cuts are part of the administration's attempts to reduce the federal deficit in the next five years, but if you **See Feeding America, page 2**

*There is an expression popular in the farm community: 'Don't criticize farmers with your mouth full.' There's a perception among the few who feed the many that an increasingly urbanized America has lost touch with what it takes to produce the safest, most abundant supply of food in the world.*



## Making groceries for a family of four

By Sam Irwin

Steve and Angi Eagleton are teachers at Baton Rouge's Dunham School and constantly concerned about their monthly grocery budget.

"We spend less than 10 percent (of our annual income) on groceries," Steve estimated on a recent grocery shopping trip with his wife and two children, Caden, 3, and Conner, 15 months.

"And we probably spend about \$50 a month on basic clothing needs," added Angi. "That's about average."

To stretch their budget and also for convenience, they belong to an informal neighborhood

three-family dinner co-op. Each family is responsible for providing a cooked meal for the others once a week.

"I try to use fresh food," Angi said. "The fresher the better. If something's in season I'll try to use that in my cooking, but I just want to make sure it tastes good."

Like most young mothers, Angi is concerned about her children's nutrition.

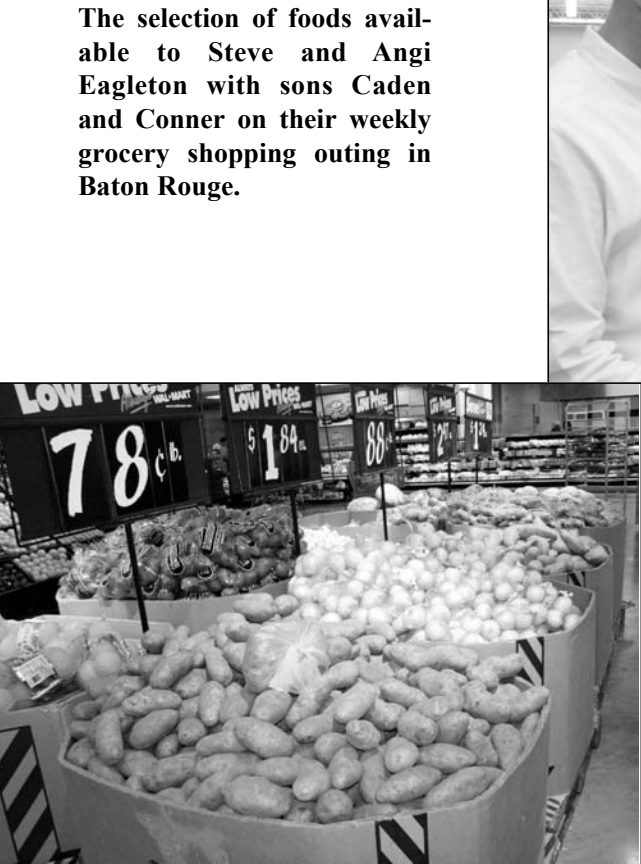
"I definitely try to watch the sugar intake for my boys," Angi said. "We're not really a white bread family. I use a lot of whole grains and brown rice."

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ask farmers the cuts are reneging on what they see as a promise made by the administration and Congress in the 2002 Farm Bill. Just before press time, the administration appeared to be backing off the proposed farm program cuts. But every farmer knows nothing is set in stone yet, and some area of the agriculture budget will have to be cut.

“You ask any farmer and he’ll tell you he has planned his next three years based on what was set out in the 2002 Farm Bill,” Odom said. “When the Farm Bill is written the farmers study up on it, they go to workshops, they talk to their consultants and they make decisions for the next six years for their farm. Sure, they adapt to weather conditions and their own finances during that time, but they don’t expect major changes to programs they depend on.”

Farmers are forever juggling a wide array of often complex and confusing federal financial aid programs. With a rewrite of the Farm Bill on the horizon, farmers are facing new changes to old programs they must account for when working out their financing each year.

One proposed program change is to the “three-entity rule,” the umbrella under which all federal financial aid falls. The three-entity rule allows husbands and wives or families to file for program assistance for up to three entities at one farm operation. Instead of being eligible for a maximum subsidy of \$360,000 annually, the total would drop to \$250,000 under the administration proposal. Odom cautioned that \$360,000 is the maximum anyone can qualify for, it represents a huge farm, consequently, very few farms fit in this category and the subsidy does not represent a farmer’s profit.



“This farmer is not pocketing \$360,000 of the government’s money. In order to get that kind of subsidy he had to have spent close to a million dollars getting his crop in the field. This in no way gets him his money back or even covers his costs of production; it simply offers some stability. The market will, hopefully, cover his costs and make him a little profit,” Odom said.

If the three-entity rule is changed because of budget cuts or changes in a future farm bill, it will have a major impact on farmers and the rural communities where they live.

“Farmers grocery shop, they buy equipment, fuel, chemicals, and everything else a normal family needs to survive. If they stop planting, the whole community will feel it,” Odom said.

The three-entity rule is just one proposed change to the myriad of complex programs farmers must understand in order to stay afloat.

“It’s like alphabet soup. By the time a farmer fully understands one farm bill’s LDP, DCP and PFC programs through the USDA’s FSA, it’s time to start hearings for a new farm bill. You add worries about CAFTA, NAFTA and the WTO and it’s like a kindergartner’s worst nightmare but it’s a nightmare come true for farmers,” Odom said.

**Navigating the waters**

In order to understand how proposed budget cuts could affect Louisiana farms, it’s important to look at current federal farm programs.

The three major payment programs for American farmers are direct payments, counter-cyclical payments (DCP) and loan deficiency payments (LDP). These programs are the three types of financial aid available under the three-entity rule and are the major payments farmers rely on for stability from year to year, especially when prices are low and weather is bad. These payments help get the farmer through the bad year and into the next planting season.

The USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) administers the payment programs. Commodities eligible for the program include corn, grain sorghum, rice, soybeans and upland cot-



ton.

Direct payments are exactly what they are called – direct payments to farmers that meet the requirements to enroll in the program. Direct payment rates for commodities are: corn, \$.28/bushel; grain sorghum, \$.35/bushel; rice, \$2.35/hundredweight; soybeans, \$.44/bushel; and upland cotton, \$.0667/pound.

According to the FSA, for each commodity, the direct payment for every year equals 85 percent of the farm’s base acreage *times* the farm’s direct payment yield *times* the direct payment rate.

The following is an example from the FSA Web site:

Base acres planted to corn	100
	<u>x 85%</u>
Payment acres	85 acres
Direct payment yield	<u>x 110 bushels/acre</u>
Direct payment rate	<u>x \$.28 per bushel</u>
Direct payment	\$2,618.00

The farm’s base acreage was determined by looking at the producer’s historical planting intentions. Direct payment yields are tied to 2002 production flexibility contract (PFC) payments, an older payment program that has frozen yields for about 20 years. Base acreage and payment yields cannot be changed or updated until the next farm bill in 2008.

The FSA fact sheet for direct payments states, “Because direct payments provide no incentive to increase production of any certain crop, the payments support farm income without distorting producers’ current production decisions.” In other words, farmers will not get more money if they plant and harvest more each year.

Counter-cyclical payments were added to the 2002 Farm Bill as a “safety net” in the event of low crop prices. According to FSA, counter-cyclical payments “are only issued if the effective price for a commodity is below the target price for the commodity.” Or, simplified, if the price a farmer is getting for his crop is lower than the established target price for that commodity, he will receive a payment.

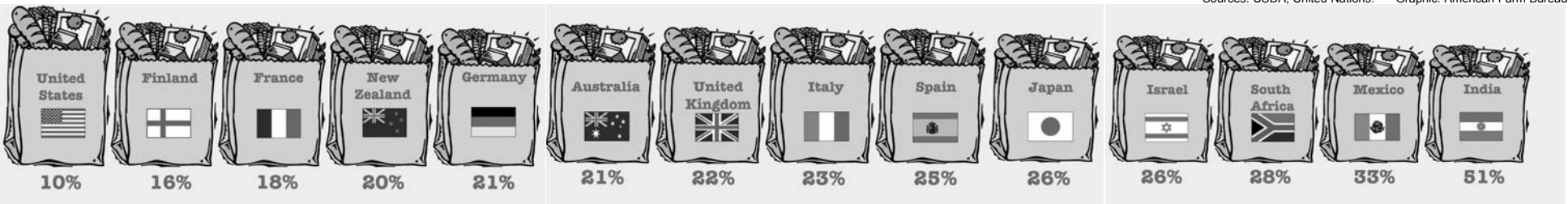
Kyle McCann, associate commodity director and director of national affairs for the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation, said the target price for each commodity is set near the total costs of production and in no way implies profitability.

“Counter-cyclical payments and target prices keep farm-

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## United States: Most affordable food in the world

Percent of disposable income spent on food



# Agriculture & Forestry Today with Commissioner Bob Odom

Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom announced the government of Taiwan recently lifted a ban on American beef imports.

The ban on beef imports stems from the December 2003 discovery of a positive case of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, BSE, in Washington state. BSE, commonly known as mad cow disease, has never been confirmed in any Louisiana cattle.

"The lifting of the ban is great news for the Louisiana and the American beef cattle industry,"

Odom said. "We have testing procedures in place for downed cattle so importers can feel confident in the safety of the beef they are buying from the United States."

Following the confirmed case of BSE in Washington, many countries banned imports of American beef. Most of the bans are still in place.

"These bans have quite an impact on a very important livestock industry," Odom said. "Beef cattle production in Louisiana alone is valued at nearly \$324 million annually which

makes it critical to our industry for the bans to be lifted. We hope other countries will review the protection measures that have been put in place and will follow Taiwan's lead in lifting import bans."

The Department of Agriculture and Forestry has an ongoing surveillance program for BSE. All "downer" or ill cattle are monitored and tested upon slaughter. Since the middle of 2004, nearly 400 cows have been tested for BSE and all tests have come back negative.

The department is also participating in a nationwide effort to test 270,000 cows in 18 months. To date (9 months into the program), more than 236,000 cows have been tested. Statistically, if 270,000 cows are tested within 18 months, there is more than a 99 percent assurance that BSE is not in the nation's cattle herds.

A letter sent to state officials from the Taipei Economical and Cultural Office in Houston stated the island nation will continue to prohibit the importation of beef brain, spinal cord, back nerve

endings and innards. It also said the age of the cow must not exceed 30 months and only boneless beef will be allowed.

BSE is known to infect brain, spinal column and lower intestine tissue. According to Odom, most meat sold to consumers is muscle meat, which does not contain parts from the brain, spinal column or intestines.

There are more than 12,500 cattle producers in Louisiana. In 2003, the gross farm value for cattle was \$291 million and the total value was \$324 million.

## Did you know?

The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, in partnership with the National Arbor Day Foundation, annually presents Tree Line USA and Tree City USA designations to utility companies and municipalities throughout the state.

According to the Arbor Day Foundation, the Tree Line USA designation is for utility companies, private or public, that demonstrate practices that protect and enhance America's urban forests.

In order to be named Tree Line USA, a utility must meet the three standards of quality tree care, annual worker training, and tree planting and public education every year. Utilities apply for Tree Line USA annually.

Recently, Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) in Shreveport, a major utility company in northwest Louisiana, received Tree Line USA status for the 10th consecutive year. They were the first utility in Louisiana to be named a Tree Line USA company.

Other utility companies in Louisiana awarded Tree Line USA status this year are: Central Louisiana Electric Company (CLECO), Entergy, City of New Roads and City of Ruston.

Tree City USA is a designation for municipalities that meet standards set by the Arbor Day Foundation for protecting and preserving the nation's urban forests. The standards were established to ensure that every qualifying community would have a viable tree management plan and program. The criteria were also set so that no community would be excluded because of size.

Requirements to receive the Tree City USA designation include having a tree board or department, a tree ordinance, a community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita, and an annual Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

This year 23 municipalities have applied for Tree City USA status and are awaiting notification of their acceptance.

## CATTLE

No grade sires listed in the interest of better livestock. All dairy cattle 20 mos. of age, beef cattle 24 mos. of age, or pasturing or post pasturing animals of any age offered for sale, except for immediate slaughter, must have valid 30-day negative brucellosis test certificate. Contact La. Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry, P.O. Box 1951, Baton Rouge, La. 70821-1951.

**REMINDER: Have all of your heifer calves between four and 12 months of age vaccinated against brucellosis. For information contact your local veterinarian, LDAF animal health personnel, your parish Cattlemen's Association or parish Farm Bureau.**

**Reg. Char.** bulls, super EPDs, heavy weaning weights, lbw, big, stout, gentle, tested, 3-4 yrs., \$1600/1-up. Jerry Peloquin, Lake Charles; (337) 478-3125.

**(2) Reg. blk.** Angus bulls, 8 mos., excel. bloodlines, all shots, Bon View, Traveler, Leachman, Full Back bloodlines, \$800/1. Ralph Zepp, Natchitoches; (318) 356-7519.

**Reg. Simm. & Simbrah** heifers, bulls & prs., \$750/1-up. B. G. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

**Reg. blk. Angus** bulls, \$1200/1-up. Arthur Freeman, Columbia; (318) 649-5863.

**Reg. Limousin** bulls, reds, blks., polled, from AI sires, great EPDs, heavy muscle, docile, herd bull prospects, yrlds. & up, \$1250/1-up. T. Fox, New Iberia; (337) 364-4241.

**Polled reg.** Char. weaning age bulls, \$700; grandsons of HBR Program 297, excel. cond., temperament & EPDs. Joel Pigott, Pearl River; (985) 290-9722.

**Reg. blk. Angus** bull, 11 mos., \$650. Clinton Breland, Angie; (985) 848-9213.

**Reg. Shorthorn** bulls, weaning age, (1) red, (1) white, (1) roan, quality cattle, \$750/1. Jerry Epperson, Baker; (225) 654-5881.

**Reg. Jersey** cow, 5 yrs., bred, used for 4-H, gentle for nursing more than 1 calf, \$1200; reg. Jersey bull & heifer, 3 mos., very gentle, \$600/1. James Boudreaux, Belle Rose; (225) 473-7635.

**Reg. blk. Angus** bull, 3 1/2 yrs., tested, \$1400. Jerry Trammel,

Pitkin; (337) 328-8408.

**Reg. Char.** bull, polled, 2 1/2 yrs., gentle, \$1600. Donald Bush, Florian; (318) 586-3500.

**Reg. blk. Brangus** herd bull, 4 yrs., \$1500 or trade for 2-5 yr. Angus cows. Brenda Gray, Dry Creek; (337) 328-8244.

**Reg. Char.** bull, 5 yrs., very gentle, puts out good calves, \$1100. Debbie Richard, Evangeline; (337) 824-1795.

**Reg. BBU** Beefmaster bulls, ready for service, top bloodlines, good conform., \$850/1-up. Gaston Gerald, Greenwell Springs; (225) 654-8816.

**Reg. show** quality & gentle Jersey cows, heifers & calves, \$800-\$1200; 6 mo. blk. Simm. bull calf, out of AI bull SAC MT, \$800. S. Gauthier, Kaplan; (337) 643-6041.

**Calves for sale**, \$150. Kurt Martinez, Donaldsonville; (225) 717-4345.

**Jersey & Holstein** nurse cows, some w/calves, \$700/1-up. K. Martinez, Donaldsonville; (225) 717-4345.

**Reg. Char.** bulls, ready for service, gentle, big, stout, clean & tested, Big Sky & Budmydad breeding, cert. herd, \$1500/1-up. Walter Lemoine, Marksville; (318) 253-7939.

**(2) reg. Beefmaster** bulls, LSU bull test, 13 mos., \$1200/1. Tom Richard, Scott; (337) 235-0764.

**Crossbred young** cows, w/calves, some heavy bred, \$1350, some heifers avail. R. LaBorde, Hessmer; (318) 563-4566.

**(2) reg. pb Santa** Gertrudis bulls, CB Grizzly bloodline, (1) scurred, born 10/11/01, (1) polled, born 11/14/03, EPDs, \$1500/1-up. Ignacio Valledor, Mandeville; (985) 898-0306 or (985) 630-1520.

**(8) blk. super** baldie replacement heifers, 1/2 Angus, 1/4 Hereford, 1/4 Brahman, \$5000. Jim Cook, DeRidder; (337) 328-7418.

**Polled Santa** Gertrudis bulls, 2 yrs., papers in buyer's name, tested, \$1500. Ronald Burleigh, Church Point; (337) 942-2479 or (337) 351-2468.

**Longhorn** bulls, 5 yrs., gentle, nice set of horns, \$800/1. Harold Matthews, Jennings; (337) 224-9988.

**(2) reg. Brangus** bulls, 4 yrs., gentle, EPDs, lbw, high yrld. weight, \$1400/1. H. Matthews,

Jennings; (337) 224-9988.

**Reg. blk. Angus** bulls, (7) 2 yrs., SAF Focus, TC Stockman, Hoff Head of Class, Great Western, Fame backgrounds, \$1700/1. Gurley Maurin, Hammond; (985) 345-3726.

**(15) Reg. bred** Char. heifers, \$1200. Ridley Chauvin, Raceland; (985) 537-6954 or (985) 804-2594.

**(150) Brangus & Braford** heifers, all shots, gentle, running w/lbw Angus bulls, will sell in groups, \$850/1-up. Bob Shoalmire, Powhatan; (318) 352-0355.

**Reg. blk. Angus** bull, 3 yrs., semen tested, quality birth weight & calves, \$1800. Charles Methvien, Holden; (985) 507-5589 or (225) 567-3317.

**Females, bred**s, open, prs., 3/N/1s, blk. Simm., red & blk. Simbrah, cert. brucellosis-free herd, #97-1858, \$1000/1-up. Louis Wittie, Hammond; (985) 345-6748.

**Reg. red** Brangus heifer, 2 yrs., \$1000. Wes LeBlanc, Welsh; (337) 753-2650.

**Reg. Jersey** show heifers, \$450/1-up. Kathy Joe Thompson, Folsom; (985) 796-9872.

**Reg. polled** Hereford bulls, good bloodlines, lbw, high weaning weights, easy keeping & gentle, \$800/1-up. Mary Michelli, Zachary; (225) 658-8581 or (225) 315-0434.

**Char. bulls**, \$1600/1-up. Karen Fuqua, Effie; (318) 253-9255 or (318) 253-4682.

**(20) blk. baldy** heifers, 5-8 mos., \$600/1; (1) reg. polled Hereford bull, 15 mos., (2) reg. blk. Angus bulls, 20 mos., \$1250/1. Daryl Carruth, Greensburg; (225) 222-6003.

**1st calf heifer**, Jersey/Holstein, out of 3 calf nurse cow, bred to Jersey bull, to calve in April '05, \$1150 while springing. Cecil Richmond, Pitkin; (337) 328-7141 or (337) 789-4832.

**(4) 2 yr. Piedmontese**/Angus cows, freshened by reg. Angus bull, second calving, \$850/1; 6 mo. reg. blk. Angus bull, \$700; 1 yr. reg. blk. Dexter bull, \$700. Jess Crosier, Cade; (337) 365-6754.

**Maine Anjou** bull, super nice, blk. yrld., performance bred, big, stout, heavy muscled, all shots & wormed, gentle, ready to breed, \$1200. Judy Wiggins, Baton Rouge; (225) 752-0309.

**Polled Hereford** bulls, extra nice, performance bred, big, stout, heavy muscled, gentle yrlds., all shots & wormed, ready to breed, \$1100/1-up. Laura Hughes, Zachary; (225) 658-5348.

**Reg. Angus** bulls, 12-16 mos., \$1600-\$2500/1. Ron Talbot, Thibodaux; (985) 637-2580.

**Wanted:** orphan calves & bred. Wes LeBlanc, Welsh; (337) 753-2650.

**Wanted:** good cattle, 4-6 yrs., bred, will trade hay. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958.

**Wanted:** Char. bulls, from 9 mos.-1 yr. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

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**2004 reg. AQHA weans.,** (1) colt, (1) filly, Handle Bar Doc, very gentle, \$800-\$1000. Kenneth White, Lecompte; (318) 776-9166 or (318) 451-1536.

**6 yr. AQHA** gray mare, Peppy San Badger, Puddenhead & Dry Doc bloodlines, 14.3 hands, 1100 lbs., started in barrels, gentle, super handle, \$3000. James Briley, Ville Platte; (337) 363-5590.

**2004 AQHA** buckskin filly, Doc Quixote, Puddenhead & Zan Parr Bar bloodlines, \$1600; blk. & wh. paint geld., 6 yrs., no papers, \$800. Shane Carter, Plaucheville; (318) 939-2275.

**Miniature horses,** colts & fillies, AMHR & AMHA gelds., cart broke, \$450/1-up. Darron Cunningham, Albany; (225) 567-9594.

**Sorrel mare,** 13 yrs., good trail riding horse, \$1295; reg. QH mare, 6 yrs., \$1275; (3) 2 yr. sorrel fillies, \$895/1; 2 yr. paint geld, \$850. J. L. Beasley, Baker; (225) 775-4355.

**AQHA weans. & yrlgs.,** performance bred, most sired by our own son of Shining Spark, older horses sometimes avail., \$1000/1-up. J. Marc Browning, Ethel; (225) 683-3627.

**2000 AQHA** mare, sired by AQHA champ., w/filly at side, by our own son of Shining Spark, bred back same way, \$2850. Marc Browning, Ethel; (225) 683-3627.

**APHA '04** sorrel/wh. tobiano geld., small head, big hips, colorful, ready to show & win, \$2500 or trade for AQHA broodmares of equal value. Keith Dupuis, St. Martinville; (337) 394-6588.

**Mules, buggy** mule, w/buckboard & harness, \$1500; (2) mules, coon, hog hunting, trail riding, (1) \$750, (1) \$950. Jim White, Castor; (318) 544-2356.

**Reg. QH mare,** 7 yrs., sired by Kay Cee Leaguer, shown 5 yrs., in western pleasure & trail, 15 1/2 hands, straight, gentle, 1200 lbs., very good looking, \$4000. Paula Durr, Amite; (985) 748-5556.

**1993 reg. TB geld.,** 16.2 hands, dark bay, handsome & elegant animal, excel. hunter/jumper prospect, very willing & experienced in cross-country trail riding, for experienced, confident rider only, \$2500. Debby Sharbaugh, Ethel; (225) 683-4919.

**1 yr. colt,** had since birth, sorrel, wh. blaze face, 4 wh. stockings, halter broke, leads, good w/kids, \$600. Toni Trahan, Zachary; (225)

658-9473.

**Reg. Appaloosa** yrlg. stallions, conform., athletic & color, muscular builds, \$1250/1. Clay Champagne, New Iberia; (337) 364-1398.

**Reg. TW, beautiful** 2 yrs., buckskin stud colt, Bandit is a dark buckskin like his 16 hand Last Chance sire, he is extremely gentle, leads, loads & ties, walks great & will make a fine breeding stallion, \$2000. L. D. Spears, Dry Creek; (337) 328-7365.

**2004 AQHA** bay colt, Right This Minnick & Zippo Pine Bar x Skip Shi x Royal Tailwind daughter, big hip, good legs, beautiful head, nice mover, \$1900. Jerry Peloquin, Lake Charles; (337) 540-4556.

**Play day geld.,** fast, not for beginners, 13.5 hands, breakaway & speed events, 900 lbs., pal., good conform., 16 yrs., \$2800. Frances Peloquin, Lake Charles; (337) 478-3125.

**Yrlg. miniature** colt, sorrel, flaxen mane & tail, super personality, estimated mature height is 32", must go to good home, \$500. F. Peloquin, Lake Charles; (337) 540-4556.

**Welsh type** ponies & Welsh x cow bred QH ponies, weans. & yrlgs. only, gentle, excel. play day or Little Britches rodeo prospects, \$600/1-up. J. Peloquin, Lake Charles; (337) 540-4556.

**Reg. TW chestnut** filly, 2 yrs., halter broke only, \$1000; 3 yr. SSH pal./wh. filly, green broke only, \$1400. Brad Vidrine, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4290.

**Bay mule,** 12 yrs., 16.2 hands, very gentle, rides & pulls, \$1500 or will trade for reg. gentle QH or paint mare. Frank Henry, Sunset; (337) 684-6493.

**(2) Reg. Haflinger** horses, 2 yr. old gelds., halter broken, very gentle, shots, \$750/1 obo. Daniel Desormeaux, Maurice; (337) 893-8070.

**1999 AQHA** gray mare, kid broke, bomb proof, Dash for Cash, Chicks Beduino, all money earners on papers, sound, no bad habits, ride her or raise big money babies, strait running bred, \$4500 obo. D. Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 328-2198 or (225) 627-9562.

**2001 AQHA** nice looking chestnut geld., 15.3 hands, 1300 lbs., sound, great handle, sire & dam are money earners, grandson of Dash For Cash & Bar Pass Myers, will have started for roping or barrels in wanted, \$4500 obo. P. Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 328-2198 or (225) 627-9562.

**Gorgeous '01** Doc O'Mos, AQHA world champ. bay mare, from Sonny Dee Bar daughter, performance, pleasure or broodmare prospect, royally bred, kind, athletic, started in saddle, \$2500. James Ricks, Florian; (318) 586-3308.

**AQHA '01 sorrel** geld., Be Aech Enterprise, Taris Catalyst, Doc O'Lena bred, sound, nice looking, good handle, great barrel racing & performance prospect, \$3500. R. Perioux, St. Martinville; (337) 394-8807.

**2005 April** foal out of AQHA Puddenhead mare & AQHA dbl. bred Peppy San Badger stud, \$900. Raymond Simmons, Albany; (225)

567-7813.

**Reg. Missouri** Foxtrotter yrlg. filly, bay, imprinted at birth, so gentle, will make great companion horse, easy to train & naturally gaited, \$1200. Paul Campbell, Breau Bridge; (337) 845-9981.

**Missouri Foxtrotter** sorrel yrlg. filly, 5 WGC on papers, great show or trail prospect, very gentle, naturally gaited, so easy to train. Sue Campbell, Breau Bridge; (337) 845-9981.

**(4) King Ranch** bred horses to choose from, all are very nice, several duns to choose from also, \$1000/1-up. Jeff Brassette, Ville Platte; (337) 461-2674 or (337) 224-7983.

**2001 APHA** solid bay mare & filly, awesome bloodlines, including Peppy San Badger, Colonel Freckles, Doc Bar, Poco Tivo, mare is gentle to handle & easy to ride, neck reins, backs up, side-passes, mare exposed back to same stallion, 3/N/1 package, \$2200/all. M. Perrin, Ponchatoula; (985) 845-2402 or (985) 969-0518.

**Reg. 4 yr. AQHA** geld., great trail ride, horse, \$1500. Sarah Meche, Church Point; (337) 332-9446 or (337) 334-2981.

**AQHA, PHBA,** 2 yr. pal. colt, IF son of world champ., \$3500. David Grass, Folsom; (985) 796-3522.

**AQHA 10 yr.** dark chestnut broodmare, sire was superior halter/superior western pleasure, \$2000. Wanda Grass, Folsom; (985) 796-3522.

**Reg. MFT geld.,** dark sorrel, flax mane, blaze face, gentle, halter broke, \$900. Felix Brown, Bastrop; (318) 281-9339.

**6 yr. mare,** red roan, 14 hands, no bad habits, \$900. Charles Rodrigue, Thibodaux; (985) 446-6630.

**10 yr. red & wh.** paint geld., 15.2 hands, 7 yr. old girl has been riding him, \$1000; 2 yr. paint filly, saddle broke & ready to be trained, \$500. Blake Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-4355.

**AMHA reg.** miniature horses, fillies & colts, \$1000/1-up. Brenda Hebert, Covington; www.golden-meadow-minis.com, (985) 893-7907 or (985) 373-1393.

**1988 gelding,** finished cutting horse, used for sorting, excel. for youth, beginners or seasoned rider, top son of Smart Little Lena, bottom by daughter of Freckles Playboy, \$6000. C. Simoneaux, Port Allen; (225) 627-4630.

**2002 AQHA** liver chestnut geld., top, by son of Haidas Lil Pep, bottom by daughter of Jose Uno, very well started, must see, \$2500. K. Simoneaux, Port Allen; (225) 627-4630.

**1996 AQHA** bay mare, 15.1 hands, gentle, very pretty, won '98 Rainbow futurity snaffle bit class, AQHA WP points, \$4500. S. Ernst, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-8637.

**2004 AQHA** sorrel colt, blaze, back stocking, sire CLS Rock Steady, dam King Fritz, Doc Bar bred, IF eligible LA & Ms. futurities, excel. lungeline/WP prospect or all around, \$2400. V. Ernst, Ponchatoula; (985) 386-8637.

**4 yr. AQHA** mare, sorrel, Ima

Cool Skip & Impressionist bloodline, broke to ride, good disp., \$1500 obo. Ralph Marks, Marksville; (318) 253-6943.

**5 yr. AQHA** mare, line bred dun, Peppy San Badger bloodline, handles well, good disp., \$2500 obo. Charlotte Marks, Marksville; (318) 253-6943.

**2003 Red** Appendix geld., dark golden pal., tall, athletic, such a nice colt, \$1500. Suzy Miller, Breau Bridge; (337) 332-4097.

**APHA gentle** tovero mare, broke to ride, 4 yrs., 14.5 hands, bay & wh. Nor Fleet bloodline, \$2000; APHA breeders trust, solid sorrel filly, wh. blaze & socks, breeding stock, very gentle disp., 1 yr., \$1000. Velma Burton, Houma; (985) 868-4457.

**Reg. pb Arabians** at stud, Egyptian/Spanish bloodlines, show quality, blk., 15.2 plus hands, excel. temperament, foals to show, \$750/1-up. Donavan Stoute, Opelousas; (337) 585-2642.

**Reg. 12 yr. TW** mare, blk., wh. star & strip, (2) white hind socks, sired by Personal Power, \$2000. Lisa Johnston, Forest Hill; (318) 748-6226 or (318) 730-5844.

**App. horses,** yrlgs., broodmares & riding prospects. Ruby or Jimmy Berry, Marion; (318) 292-5178.

**2002 AQHA** pal. stud, Oops Triangle Again, broke & well mannered, good looking & well built for breeding, excel. bloodline, \$2000. Forrest Collette, Greensburg; (225) 222-6993.

**Big 8 yr. paint** geld., consistent 4D barrel horse, has done play-day, trail rides, a beautiful, well-trained horse, w/a sweet personality, \$3000 obo. Natalie Adamson, DeRidder; (337) 328-8415.

**1987 AQHA** geld., red dun, sound, used for trail rides & Mardi Gras, lady's horse, anyone can ride, formerly used for cutting & roping, \$2000. Jamie Miller, Ville Platte; (337) 506-3993.

**Thoroughbred geld.,** 4 yrs., broke & gallops, ready to train & race, sound, Shadows City Nights, Shadows Unexpected, sound, Thoroughbred mare, winner 10,000 race, rested & ready to train & race, sire Not Affordable, \$1000/1. Lawrence Dartez, Kaplan; (337) 643-8525.

**Reg. 1/2 Arabian,** 3yr. filly, chestnut, sire Miestermind, standing at LOA, pedigree upon request, \$3000; reg. full Arabian, 3 yrs., filly, sire Musik Man, standing at LOA, bay, pedigree upon request, \$2500. Joshua Villarreal, Gonzales; (225) 715-4949.

**Georgious '02** golden pal. stallion, by Mr. B Downtown, beautiful dish head, ready to show, \$12,500. Jerry Nolan, Springhill; (318) 458-1092.

**App. mare,** blk./wh. roan, 9 yrs., 14 hands, good looking, nice stepper, friendly, rides well, \$900. Buck Brown, Erwinville; (225) 627-9563 or (225) 202-6875.

**2004** Appendix filly, AQHA/Thoroughbred cross, bred to be your next sport horse, cherry bay, w/2-hind socks & star, large filly, w/superb pedigree, Top Moor, Jet Deck, Easy Jet, Northern Dancer, Native Dancer, with be 16

hands, handled daily, \$2000. Cathe Charlier, Youngsville; www.patrioticpony.com or (337) 857-0297.

**AQHA 4 yr.** sorrel geld., Duplicate Jet, Zevi & Bar Money bred, trained for barrels, 15 hands, super gentle, \$4000; AQHA 4 yr. blk. Perkmaster/Dash for Perks filly, jet blk., very gentle, well patterned, on barrels, 14.3 hands, very stocky, \$5000. Patricia Tauzin, Denham Springs; (225) 664-7382.

**Small donkey,** jenny, bred in Dec., \$350. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; www.dachshundfarms.com, (225) 658-9293 or (225) 939-5391.

**1997 APHA** gray tobiano-overo geld., used on cattle, experienced riders only, \$900. Mike Diehl, Opelousas; (337) 942-8702.

**Dixieland performance** horses, world-class trainers, 2 world championships in '01, we train, show & sell, training all breeds, openings avail. now for training. Donnie or Tracy Thrash, Bastrop; http://home.earthlink.net/~dixland, (318) 556-2217 or (602) 509-6220.

**Wanted:** miniature horses, reg. or non-reg., mostly mares & colts, 1-25 head. Don Wilson, Oakdale; (318) 335-0607.

## STALLION SERVICE

**1998 golden** pal., 14.2 hands, wide muscular build, pro trained for cutting, Dry Doc, Doc Bar, Poco Lena, Poco Bueno, Leo Wimpy, \$300/\$3 mare care. Dean Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 328-2198 or (225) 627-9562.

**2001 bay stallion,** 14.2 hands, well built, pro trained, now being shown in cutting, lots of cow, Tanquary Gin, Doc O'Lena, Royal King, Doc Bar, Doc's Sug bloodlines, \$400/\$3 mare care. D. Gentile, Port Allen; (225) 328-2198 or (225) 627-9562.

**2001 AQHA** gray stallion, great disp. & conform., War Leo, Leo San & Doc's Prescription, \$300/\$6 mare care. Tracy Frazier, Baker; (225) 937-4910.

**Blk. & wh.** App., Cooterville Echohawk, Geronimo, Wapiti, Mansfield Comanche, Puddenhead, King P-234, \$200/\$3 mare care. Hermina Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

**AQHA pal.,** Doc Bar, Peppy San, Puddenhead, Barpass Myers, King P-234, \$350/\$3 mare care. Earlin Gautreaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8457.

**Reg. App.,** tri-colored leopard, own son of national champ. & gold medallion winner, Skip Go Grand, colts on site, \$200/\$4 mare care. Daniel Gaspard, Maurice; (337) 334-8780.

**APHA blk./wh.** stud, Skipa Star, Starific, own son of Misterrific, grand & reserve grand champ. halter & performance sire, \$250, plus mare care, call after 6 p.m. S. Carter, Plaucheville; (318) 939-2275.

**Reg. overo** paint, Two Straw Robin, 16 hands, 1300 lbs.,

straight, very athletic & docile disp., \$300/\$4.5 mare care. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite; (985) 748-5556.

**AQHA gray** stallion, 16 hands, by Mr. Eye Opener, out of champ. producing Special Effort mare, ¾ brother to All American champ. Eyesa Special, \$600/\$10. Kerry Vallet, Maringouin; (225) 625-3239.

**Straight Egyptians** at stud, Norus son, IBN Moniet, Farazdac, Tuhotmos, Imperial Imdal grandson, \$750, introductory offer, limited breeding. Jeff Dupre, Washington; (337) 585-2642.

**Shining Sneakers**, AQHA open superior reining, circuit championships, incentive fund, NRHA money earner, son of Shining Spark, \$600/\$6 pasture mare care, \$9 stall mare care. Cheryl Borer, Walker; [www.borerquarterhorses.com](http://www.borerquarterhorses.com), [borerqtrhorses@aol.com](mailto:borerqtrhorses@aol.com) or (225) 667-7415.

**MFT stallion**, Chaseland's Jambalaya D.M., red roan, 15.1 hands, approved under saddle, Missouri Rambler E, Jolly's Red Shadow bred, all normal guarantees, \$300/\$5 mare care. D. Thrash, Bastrop; [dixland@earthlink.net](mailto:dixland@earthlink.net), (318) 556-2217 or (602) 509-6220.

**App. stallion**, Obvious Steel, beautiful blk./wh. blanket, Obvious Colours, Jossteelmagnolia, all normal guarantees, \$300/\$5. T. Thrash, Bastrop; [dixland@earthlink.net](mailto:dixland@earthlink.net), (318) 556-2217 or (602) 509-6220.

**AQHA blk.** Poco Bueno, 5 yrs., gentle, mild disp., neg. Coggins required, \$300/\$5 mare care. Stephen Price, Pollock; (318) 765-2465 or (318) 419-5282.

**Smokem Chic** O'Lena, son of Smart Chic O'Lena, dam is daughter of Peppy San Badger, NCHA earnings ± \$15,000, great disp., big stop, qualified mares only, \$500. Sammy Broussard, New Iberia; (337) 364-7681 or (337) 519-5522.

**Blk. mammoth** Jack, 15.2 hands, very gentle, \$200; red mammoth Jack, 14.2 hands, \$150. C. J. Guidry, Rayne; (337) 280-5117.

**Leopard App.** stallion, halter champ., good disp., bloodlines of Dial Bright Too & Goer, \$250. Irvin Bell, Jena; (318) 992-2559.

**AQHA golden** pal. stallion, Peppy's Boy 895, Peppy San Badger on top, Maxi Lena, Doc O'Lena on bottom, \$400. Romy Morvant, Thibodaux; (985) 446-0708.

**2001 AQHA** dark bay stallion, Doc O'Lena, Vegas Model & dbl. bred Peppy San Badger on papers, great disp., well built, \$250/\$3 mare care. R. Simmons, Albany; (225) 567-7813.

**Throwing 100%** color, 3rd season, duns & grullos, Doc Hickory, Peppy San, Doc O'Lena, intelligent, trainable, quiet disp., \$400/\$5 mare care. Jeff Dupre, Washington; (337) 585-2642.

**AQHA bay** stud, son of Smart Little Uno & out of a daughter of Puddenhead, \$400/\$5 mare care. Francis Benoit, Thibodaux; (985) 663-5537.

**AQHA chestnut** stallion, Eatn Outa Acres, bloodlines of Doc's

Hickory, Bob Acre Doc, Poco Bueno, all cutting bloodlines, his 2 yr. olds are just starting out, he is quick & very athletic, cutting, reining & working cows, \$450. Joe Reed, Westlake; (337) 912-1742 or (337) 491-0922.

**AQHA '02** red roan, CM Bronsin, sire PC Bronsin, 2x world champ. roping & performance versatility, dam Freckles Playboy mare, \$500. A. Williams, Sulphur; (337) 558-6946.

**1999 AQHA** bay stallion, son of Peptoboonsmal, NCHA & ACHA money earner, dam daughter of Shorty Lena money earner, \$750. R. Williams, Sulphur; (337) 588-6946 or (337) 912-1742.

**AQHA bay** stallion, son of Doc's Stylish Oak, dam Freckles Playmate, NCHGA money earner & producer of Smart Mate, \$750. J. Reed, Westlake; (337) 912-1742 or (337) 491-0922.

**AQHA 4 yr.** gray stallion, 15 hands, Doc's Hickory, Dry Doc, Mr. San Peppy, Colonel Freckles bloodlines, large frame, good mind & speed, AQHA calf roping points, also heads & heals, \$450. Tyler Reed, Westlake; (337) 912-1742 or (337) 491-0922.

**Blk. & wh. paint**, TW, 15.1 hands at 3 yrs., smooth gait & fast running walk, \$150. Blake Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

## SHEEP & GOATS

**Reg. IBGA** fb Boer buck, born 3/15/03, \$450. Pat Carriere, Carencro; (337) 896-3808.

**Fb Boer billy**, w/papers, great genetics, \$200. Norris Deville, Plaquemine; (225) 659-7000.

**Texas dahl** sheep, white hair sheep, no wool to deal with, ewes, \$90; breed the wool out, young males & females, \$40/l. Grover O'Banion, Ponchatoula; (504) 812-0019.

**Katahdin sheep**, ewes, w/lamb, \$125; ewes w/twins, \$150. C. Romero, Youngsville; (337) 856-5189.

**Pygmy goats**, (1) bred female, \$75; (1) male, \$60. Yvette Phillips, Sunshine; (225) 642-5153.

**Reg. USBGA** Boer goats, young fb billies, \$150-\$200; percentage & fb nannies, \$150-\$300. Bob Lailheugue, Holden; (225) 294-3451.

**(1) 2 yr. sheep**, w/lamb, \$50; (1) male Barbado, \$30. Donald Andrepont, Eunice; (337) 457-5853.

**Show quality** wethers, dehorned, shots, \$125/l. John Wade, Many; [jwade@cp-tel.net](mailto:jwade@cp-tel.net) or (318) 256-2764.

**Katahdin sheep**, (7) commercial rams, \$150/l; commercial lambs, \$50/l; commercial ewes & reg. stock also avail. Maverick, Rayne; (337) 849-4759 or (337) 298-6337.

**Boer goats**, breeding age males, \$150 others avail. R. LaBorde, Hessmer; (318) 563-4566.

**Reg. Katahdin** hair sheep ram, born 7/10/04, good bloodlines,

w/papers, \$225. Wayne Plauche, Carencro; (337) 896-0534.

**Show wethers** for 4-H, \$150/1-up; ABGA fb & percentage buck & doe kids, \$200/1-up; reg. fb & percentage does, 2 yrs., \$300. Curtis or Chasity Buford, Franklin; (337) 923-0116 or (985) 397-0558.

**Boer goats**, (40) to choose from, born March 3 & after, \$100/l. Mary Ann Rudesill, Pearl River; (985) 863-2155

**(4) NDGA Nigerian** dwarf miniature blue eyed goat nannies & bucklings, \$150/1-up. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; [www.dachshund-farms.com](http://www.dachshund-farms.com), (225) 658-9293 or (225) 939-5391.

**Wanted:** Lamancha buckling. Adam Kelly, Kentwood; (985) 229-1984.

**Wanted:** good goats, 2-4 yrs., male & female, bred, will trade. W. Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958.

## LIVESTOCK DOGS

**CKC Great Pyrenees** pups, born 2/6/05, great working dogs & great pets, parents on premises, females, \$200; males, \$250. Cindy Smith, Bogalusa; (985) 735-9671.

**Catahoula pups**, from working Catahoula dogs, leopards & tri color, w/shots, \$75/l. Terry Fox, New Iberia; (337) 364-4241.

**Female border collie**, trained, 4 yrs., \$350; (1) female cur-pit cross, 2 yrs., \$250; cattle dog pups, born 1/29/05, sire Ridgeback, dam yellow blk. mouth cur, big bone, medium ears, \$150/l. T. J. Kreamer, Houma; (985) 873-9755.

**Jack Russells** on the bayou, great hunters & pets, \$300/l. Brad Mire, Crowley; (337) 788-1783.

**NALC Catahoula** pups, off proven cattle & hog stock, born 3/18/05, brindles & leopards, \$200/l. Kelvin Perron, Port Allen; [www.geocities.com/Perron-Catahoulas](http://www.geocities.com/Perron-Catahoulas) or (225) 648-3283.

**NSDR mini** & toy Australian shepherd pups, blk. tries & blue merles, 1st shots, wormed, vet checked, dew claws removed, ready now, can email pictures, \$600. Julie Pearce, Grand Lake; [jgayle@sweetlake.com](mailto:jgayle@sweetlake.com) or (337) 905-5744.

**NALC Catahoula** pups, born 3/14/05, leopards, glass eyes, had all shots, \$150/l. B. Bergeron, Eunice; (337) 457-1909.

**Reg. AKC** Weimaraner pup, silver male on premises, tails docked & viet. worm, \$350. Dolphy Alleman, Scott; (337) 873-8388.

**Reg. Australian** shepherds, blk. & wh., red & wh., males, shots & wormed, born 1/21/05, \$250. Karen Forbes, Independence; (985) 878-3397.

**AKC yellow** lab, 6 mos., already retrieving, \$250; AKC chocolate lab pups, born 3/9/05, both parents on premises, \$300. Tommy Rigmaiden, DeRidder; (337) 463-7643.

**CKC reg.** Jack Russell pups, \$200. Sarah Meche, Church Point; (337) 873-4041 or (337) 288-1859.

**Mini Dachshund** pups, chocolate, blue & isabella, \$400/1-up; (3) CKC Jack russell terrier pups,

male & females, short legged, smooth coat, \$350. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; [www.dachshund-farms.com](http://www.dachshund-farms.com), (225) 658-9293 or (225) 939-5391.

**Wanted:** female blk. & tan, running & treeing coons, w/other dogs or by herself. William Edwards, Mount Hermon, (985) 229-4030.

## SWINE

**NSR duroc** gilt, 9 mos., gentle, \$250. Keli Hayden, Holden; (225) 567-3661.

**Feeder/weanling** pigs, weaning to 200 lbs., corn fed, on concrete, \$45/1-up. J. B. Richard, Scott; (337) 269-1755.

## DOMESTIC BIRDS & EQUIPMENT

**Orange-face** lovebirds, lutinos, olive, cinn. normals split to lutino, \$25-\$50/1; other colors, lutinos, violets, cinn., wh. face & more, \$100/4. Dale Landry, Paincourtville; (985) 369-6952.

**Parrots, breeder** prs., orange wings, \$350/pr.; Mexican red-heads, \$575/pr.; breeder yellow nape Amazon male, 7 yrs., \$550. Ricky LoBell, Prairieville; (225) 715-9218.

**Taking orders** for Quakers, hand fed, \$150; not hf, \$100; cockatiels, \$25/1-up. J. L. Duplechin, Gonzales; (225) 644-5407.

**(5) Large lovebird** nest boxes, well constructed, made of 3/8" plywood, \$7/1. Robert DaQuin, Metairie; (504) 833-3566.

**(5) prs. of breeders**, some on eggs, some w/babies, macaws, Congo grays & Amazon, will sell for \$5000 if all taken or \$1300/pr. F. Floyd, Crowley; (337) 783-6437.

**Gorgeous rare** Leadbeader cockatoo male, super tame, 1 ½ yrs., \$3500. Leanna Meaux, New Orleans; (504) 283-8105.

**(3) pr. blue-wh.** rump diamond doves & (2) young, \$100/all; cockatiels, \$35/1; lovebirds, \$45/pr.; parakeets, \$10/1; buttonquail diff. sizes. Aaron Fuselier, Mamou; (337) 457-5667.

**(2) GQF incubators**, (1) GQF hatcher, only used 2 seasons, model 1266, w/electronic thermostat, \$350/1 or \$750/all. Danny Cryer, Lake Charles; (337) 855-3660.

**Cockatiels**, hf & breeder age, grays, pieds, pearls, cinns., lutinos, albinos, wh. faces & most combinations, all seamless banded, certificates included, \$30/1-up. Samantha Ivy, Morgan City; (985) 631-3498.

**Wh. doves**, single or prs., \$10/1. Nina Magers, Natchitoches; (318) 352-8018.

**Ringneck dove** normals & wh., \$7.5 & \$10/1; proven mated prs., \$20 & \$30/pr., will ship. Thomas Rowell, Crowley; (337) 783-5729.

**Cockatiels & lovebirds**, lutino, \$30/1; normals, \$25/1; ringneck doves, \$8/1; finches, society & zebra, \$8/1; (1) golden pheasant,

\$30. Robert Legendre, Gonzales; (225) 644-5923.

**Hf cockatiels**, \$35/1-up; lovebirds, \$25/1-up; finches, \$8/1; wh. doves, \$8/1; parakeets, \$8/1. Evelyn Husser, Amite; (985) 748-6833.

## POULTRY, GAME, EGGS

**Bobwhite quail** eggs, Georgia giant, \$35/100. Preston Mire, Crowley; (337) 783-6635.

**Pharaoh quails**, golden Manchurian & wh., newly hatched to grown, 35¢-\$1.5/1; eggs, 15¢/1; live, \$18/doz.; dressed, \$28/doz.; Muscovy ducks, \$7/1; button quail eggs, 15¢/1. Harry Ardoin, Ville Platte; (337) 363-7176 or (337) 360-2896.

**Baby chicks**, blk. Australorps & buff Orpingtons, \$1/1 plus 25¢/1 for additional week of age; laying hens, \$6/1. James Stewart, Walker; (225) 603-5911.

**Peacocks, beautiful**, male, 3 yrs., Muscovy & mallard ducks, \$10/1. Virley Lewis, Denham Springs; (225) 664-6682.

**Mixed bantams**, rooster, \$4/1; hens, \$8/1; BBR hens, \$10; rooster, \$5/1; silver Wyandottes, hens & roosters, \$8/1; eggs, \$1.25/doz. J. L. Duplechin, Gonzales; (225) 644-5407.

**Mallard ducks**, eggs, babies & mallard flyers, 50¢-\$10/1. Jennifer Young, Zachary; [www.y-farms.com](http://www.y-farms.com) or (225) 445-5012.

**Flying mallards**, \$2/1-\$7.5/1 depending on amount purchased; bobwhite, flight cond., \$3/1. Geraldine Janise, Church Point; (337) 684-6871.

**Baby chicks**, \$1.5/1; pullets, \$3/1; bantams, \$5/1; sultans, \$6/1; baby ducks, \$4/1; baby geese, \$6/1; cages/kennels, \$20-\$50/1. Gladys Oestrieher, Lacombe; (985) 882-7598.

**Large Pharaoh** quails, dressed, \$20/doz.; live, \$2/1; pickled eggs, \$5/pt.; eggs, \$20/100. Casey or Glenn Gremillion, Echo; [pgremillion@avoyellespsb.com](mailto:pgremillion@avoyellespsb.com), (318) 481-4906 or (318) 563-4895.

**Jumbo Pharaoh** quail, dressed, \$25/doz.; week old chicks, \$75/100; day old chicks, \$40/100; hatching eggs, \$20/100; pickling eggs, \$10/100. Danny Comeaux, Abbeville; (337) 893-4194 or (337) 658-9744.

**Malaysian serama** hatching eggs, smallest chicken in the world, \$30/doz. plus shipping; Penedesenca eggs, rare dark egg layers, crele, \$60/doz.; blacks, \$45. Matthew Givs, Sunset; [www.freewebs.com/circlegerama](http://www.freewebs.com/circlegerama), (337) 662-3637 or (337) 351-0815.

**Large redwood** cabinet-type electronic Humidaire incubator, w/auto turners, excel. cond., \$550. Lance Gauthier, St. Martinville; (337) 394-8343.

**Taking orders** for peafowl, eggs & peachicks, eggs, \$10/1; 1 day old peachicks, \$20/1; 1 yr. male peacock, \$50/1; wh. doves, proven prs., \$18/pr.; 15/pr. if all taken. Mark Lumetta, Amite; (985) 748-6257.



**Wanted:** Cameo peacock, will trade. Mark Lumetta, Amite; (985) 748-6257.

**Wanted:** young pr. or trio of quail, Antwerp Belgian, call after 5 p.m. Tony Stelly, Arnaudville; (337) 879-3056.

**Wanted:** automated poultry feed system, Chore-Time or similar, also 2-10 ton feed bin, all in good cond. & reasonably priced. Eric Rabalais, Lafayette; (337) 984-5788.

**Wanted:** pb rose comb blk. bantams, reasonably priced, within 50 miles. Bernard Olivier, Crowley; (337) 581-1599.

**Wanted:** good 8 mo. African geese, mallard ducks, peacocks, Rhode Island reds, barred rocks, buff Orpingtons, blk. Australorps, turkens chickens, broad breasted bronze turkeys, purple pearl guinea, will trade. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958.

**Wanted:** dbl. yolk chicken eggs, will buy fair quantity. Leo Lyncker, Kenner; (504) 712-0948.

**Wanted:** chickens, ducks, guinea, geese, bantams, turkeys, ½ grown or full grown & healthy, within 50 miles from Rayne. Wilbur Leger, Rayne; (337) 334-4949.

## PIGEONS

**Wh. homers**, \$5/1 or \$12/pr. & custom cages. Daniel Gaspard, Maurice; (337) 334-8780.

**Racing homers**, Vox, Jansen, Lickton Orleans, Calia & more, young unflown birds & breeders, \$15-\$30/pr or singles. Jean Thibodeaux, Cut Off; (985) 325-2480 or (985) 637-8978.

**White fantail pigeons**, \$5/1 or \$4/1 if (10) or purchased. Stanley Messer, St. Landry; (318) 838-2273.

## RABBITS & EQUIPMENT

**NZW, NZW & checkered crosses**, \$10/1-up. J. McBride, Maurice; (337) 334-8780.

**Mixed breed** big rabbit, doe & buck, babies, \$7/1; doe ready to breed, \$15/1. J. L. Duplechin, Gonzales; (225) 644-5407.

**NZW, NZR, MS**, Calif. & San Juan, various ages, \$6/1-up, call before 7 p.m. Gerald or Caroline Porche, Port Allen; (225) 241-1361 or (225) 603-9740.

**NZW/giant Flemish**, checkered giant crosses, w/giant Flemish, reg. Flemish giant does, all adults, breeding stock, 1 yr. & under, \$20/1-up. Ira Thibodeaux, Jackson; (225) 634-5588

**Wanted:** NZ, Calif. & mixed breeds, 8 lbs. & up. Wade Rodi, Braithwaite; (504) 432-2170.

## DEER & EXOTICS

**Whitetail deer**, \$200-\$500/1. Larry Bilbo, Covington; (985) 892-4458.

**Whitetail deer**, bucks & does, nice bucks, \$1250/1-up; good bloodline does, \$500/1. Micky

Allemand, Houma; (985) 876-5416.

**Fallow, blk.** buck, big wh. tails & others, \$400/1-up. Jeff Swank, Delhi; (318) 878-4375 or (850) 519-1129.

## RATITES

**Wanted:** baby emus or eggs. R. J. Seibert, Braithwaite; (504) 421-4044.

## AQUACULTURE & EQUIPMENT

**Blue Catfish**, 25¢/1; channel catfish, 20¢/1; bluegill, 20¢/1; hybrid bluegill, 25¢/1; Chinquapin, 25¢/1; blk. crappie, 30¢/1; bass, 50¢/1-up, del. avail. David Lowe, Minden; (318) 377-1525.

## FARM SERVICES

**The bush beast**, bush hogging, dirt spreading, lot leveling, discing, Acadiana area. Ted Pavy, Carencro; (337) 523-3879.

**Wild hog** removal, 7 days a week, between 6 a.m. & 9 p.m. Charlie Canizaro, Ponchatoula; (985) 320-4267 or (985) 370-0533.

**Dog training**, obedience, gun dog & hunt tests. Ben Young, Zachary; www.y-farms.com or (225) 445-5012.

**Land clearing**, dirt work, ponds, house pads, forestry construction. Jeff Nelson, Ashland; (318) 544-9090.

**Dirt work**, dozer excavator w/thumb, bobcat, dump trucks, ponds, levees, land clearing & demolition. James Bourgeois, Raceland; (985) 537-3750.

**Land clearing**, ponds, dirt work, stump removal, rake work on clearing, house pads, forestry construction, 450-B Case dozer or 580-D Case Backhoe, \$65/hr. plus hauling, \$3.85/mile, one way. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958.

## RURAL PROPERTIES

Must offer ten (10) or more adjoining acres of land located in Louisiana. Farmland ads MUST include accompaniments (house, barn, hay field, garden, and what the land is best suited for). Proof of ownership may be required. All ads MUST be accompanied by the following owner-signed statement: "This property is personally owned by me and is not offered for sale by a licensed real estate dealer, broker or salesman."

**22 Acres off Hwy.** 190, Lawtell, 16 acres, crawfish pond, 16'x80' trailer, w/house roof, screen porch, 4 car concrete drive under roof, \$110,000. Don Alexander, Lawtell; (337) 543-2758.

**Washington Parish**, 20 acres, open pasture w/pond, paved road on two sides, Franklinton area, \$120,000 obo. Gladys Oestricher, Lacombe; Gladys (985) 882-7598 or Mike (985) 882-6522.

**30 Acres in Zachary**, Pride, Baton Rouge area, full fenced, ½ pasture, ½ wooded, no flood zone, set up for trailer or '02 mobile home is also avail., or '02 mobile home also avail., land, \$175,000 firm; trailer home w/land only, \$25,000. Cynthia Britton, Zachary; www.dachshundfarms.com, (225) 658-9293 or (225) 939-5391.

## BEEES/HONEY

**Wanted:** source for raw honey, near Baton Rouge or New Orleans. J. Navratilova, Baton Rouge; (225) 752-7992.

## SEEDS, FLOWERS & ORNAMENTALS

**Birdhouse & dipper** gourd, cushaw green stripe, 30-seed packet, \$1.5/pkt. James Robin, Sr., 4017 Hwy. 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

**2004 Hot Peter** pepper seeds, 50-seed pkt., \$1/pkt., w/SASE. Cleveland Guidry, 918 E. Ash. St., Crowley, LA 70526; (337) 783-2042.

**Pine straw**, machine-baled premium quality mulch, clean, \$4/bale, at barn. Bruce Wallis, New Orleans; (504) 483-7775.

**Bi-color dbl.** Confederate rose ornamental & Birdseye pepper, Malabar climbing spinach, Job's tear, mixed cypress vine, fancy red bush cherry, long handle & cucuzza gourds, \$1.5/pkt. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA 70601; (337) 478-7075.

**Iris & amaryllis**, now blooming, daylilies & perennials, \$4/1-up. Dean, Marksville; (318) 253-8384.

**Daylilies**, most of them are reg., will be blooming soon, full bloom in May, \$5-\$20/2 fans. Robert Legendre, Gonzales; (225) 644-5923.

**Wanted:** ligularia plant. Anna Hudson, Abbeville; (337) 892-9819.

## TREES & FRUITING VINES

**Fig trees**, 2 yrs., 2-gal., \$9.50/1; 10 varieties, SASE for list; Elliott pecan, 3', 6-gal., grafted, \$25 at place. Betty Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

**Magnolia**, large. wh. flowers, loquat, Japanese plum, 7-gal., \$15/1; Brison blackberry, at place, \$4/1. James Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

**Tomato plants**, BHN 640 & stiletto bell pepper, 4" pot, \$1.5, at place. J. Robin, 4017 Hwy 357, Opelousas, LA 70570; (337) 407-0188.

**Cypress trees**, 5'-7' tall, \$11/1; less than 5' tall, \$9/1. D. Bordelon, Ponchatoula; (985) 345-4280.

**Blk. Bamboo**, \$10 per shovel, you dig. Anna Hudson, Abbeville; (337) 892-9819.

**Southern magnolias**, 4'-5', \$15/1; Celeste fig, 4'-5', \$8/1; turkey fig, \$5/1; butia (jelly) palms, by size, \$8-\$15/1; Chinese fan palms, 4-gal., \$15; Japanese yew, \$5-\$15 by size; Japanese plum, loquat, \$5/3-gal. James Stelly, Eunice; (337) 457-4528.

**Fancy red** bush cherry, potted, \$2/1; bundle of 12, \$20; wh. & yellow peach, \$5/1-up; sweet lemons, \$5/1; Jap. plums, \$5/1-up. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, LA 70601; (337) 478-7075.

**Chinese parasol**, used for shade at Audubon Zoo, large leaves, grows to 25', in gal. pots, 24", at place, \$5/1. Laura Dovalina, Metairie; (504) 831-2833.

**All kinds** of plants, trees, bushes, shrubs, 1-gal. to 5-gal. containers, many blooming now, \$2-\$16/1; live oaks, 7'-8' tall in 25-gal. containers, \$25/1; several varieties & colors of day lilies & iris, \$2-\$8/1. Lee Cook, Husser; (985) 748-7083.

**Thornless blackberries**, 2-gal. containers, \$6-\$20/1; fig trees, \$4-\$6/1; crape myrtles, 3-gal., \$7.5/1; azaleas, 3-gal., \$7.5/1. Richard Satterly, Melville; (337) 566-3708.

## FERTILIZER

**Organic rabbit** fertilizer, the best for flower & garden, doesn't smell, won't burn plants, \$2.5/bag. Dale Falcon, Prairieville; (225) 673-4833.

**Rabbit manure**, \$40/truck load, we load. Billy Yager, Kentwood; (985) 507-4196.

**Old horse** manure, shavings, top soil, sand mix, good for flower beds, \$10/yd., some mixed w/50% bark, \$20/yd. Lee Cook, Husser; (985) 748-7043.

## HAY & GRAIN

**Horse quality** Alfalfa hay, very leafy, top quality, small squares, wire tied, 75-80 lbs., 4th & 5th cutting, hay stored in Hammond, \$9.5/1 or \$8.5/1 if (50) bales or more purchased. Ervin Granier, Baton Rouge; (225) 335-7826 or (985) 608-4141.

**2004 Bahia** round bales, well fert., limed & cured, stored in barn, \$25/1. Harold Parker, Independence; (985) 878-2067.

**2004 5x5 rd.** bales, in shed, on pallets, well fert., \$25/1. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

**Fert. Bahia**, 4x5 rd. bales, cond., cut & cured, \$15/1. C.M. Duplechian, Jennings; (337) 824-2989.

**Alfalfa horse** quality hay, from Kansas, sq. bales, \$8.5/1 or \$8/1 if (50) or more bales purchased. Ivan Edwards, Ringgold; (318) 894-9586.

**High quality** Bermuda racehorse hay, sq. bales, \$3-\$4/1; rd. bales, \$20-\$40/1; cow hay, \$20-\$40, Milton area. Joe Duhon, Lafayette; (337) 856-4266 or (337) 230-7273.

**Alfalfa hay**, 70-80 lb. bales, wire

tied, fine stem, green & leafy, del. avail., \$10/1. J. Pieri, Folsom; (985) 796-9538 or (504) 628-5361.

**2003 Alicia** Bahia, 4x5 rd. bales, in barn, \$30/1; cattle mixed grass, \$15/1. Brandy Cella, Bush; (985) 892-0240.

**2004 Left** over hay, \$12.5/1; first cutting 5/16/05, on Alicia/Bahia/Coastal/Tifton44/Johnson grass hay, 4x5 rd. bales, behind baler, \$15/1; off field, \$20/1; delivery to location, \$25/1 plus 3.85/mile. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958 or (318) 471-9272.

## TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT

**(2) Trac. tires**, 18.4-28 R-2-0, on 15" rims, 15-28, 6-ply rating, 60% rubber tires & tubes only, \$150/1. Louis Olivier, Arnaudville; (337) 754-5011.

**855 NH rd. baler**, makes 6x6 bales, perfect cond., \$7500. Walt McCann, Baton Rouge; (225) 751-9131.

**Case 36" backhoe** bucket, excel. cond., \$500. Michel Fox, New Iberia; (337) 369-8020.

**7710 Ford**, cab/air, needs work, \$12,000; 540 Hesston baler, 4x4, \$4000; 10' NH fluffer, 3 pt., \$2200. Daniel Gaspard, Maurice; (337) 334-8780.

**JD 7720** combine, w/22' grain head & 4-row corn head, 1 owner, \$12,000; JD 7100 folding 8-row planter, w/insecticide/fertilizer hoppers, in-furrow spray, good cond., \$1000. R. Byone, Cloutierville; (318) 379-0147.

**Vermeer 3 pt.** hitch hayfork forklift, stacks 3 rolls high in barn, \$1200; NH 282 sq. hay baler, w/old baler for parts, \$1200; 7' pull type bush hog, \$350. Roger Byone, Cloutierville; (318) 379-0147.

**Ford 3000**, w/5' bush hog, (4) new tires, completely rebuilt, runs great, shed kept, \$5500. Chad Nesom, DeRidder; (337) 462-0383 or (337) 463-4395.

**Hesston 5600**, 5x5 hay baler, modified belt guides, good baler, good belts, always under shed, \$1000. Truman Lively, Winnsboro; (318) 435-7838.

**NH 256 hay** rake, field ready, \$1000. Whitney Blanchard, Breaux Bridge; (337) 845-4501.

**JD Model M trac.**, new paint, decals, seat, front & rear cult., middle buster, pull-type bush hog, runs & looks good, \$1850. Cliff Wilson, Dry Prong; (318) 640-1423.

**JD 350-C** dozer, rebuilt 3 cyl. diesel engine, auto shuttle, 95% undercarriage, 6-way blade, no hyd. or oil leaks, looks, runs & operates well, \$12,500. Ronald Sharp, Springfield; (225) 695-3627.

**8N Ford**, excel., electronic ignition, box blade & dirt scoop, \$3500. C. B. Hagen, Sulphur; (337) 274-7713.

**1978 MF, 25 hp**, gas, new clutch, needs new rear tires, \$3800. Lowell Roger, Covington; (985) 630-1504.

**(10) Rear wheel** weights, fits JD 2510 & 4020, \$250/all. Cedric Rabalais, Cottonport; (318) 964-2971.

**Mitsubishi MT372**, w/4' mower, extra blades, \$2500; bottom plow & sub soiler, \$200/1; 300-gal. fuel tank, \$200. J. P. Major, Jr., Baker; (225) 261-0914.

**JD 4840 cab**, air, duals, 200 hrs. on rebuilt trans., \$12,500. Jeff Manuel, Kinder; (337) 738-5791.

**2004 NH TC 30**, 30 hp, 80 hrs., turf tires, w/canopy, \$9000 nego; Ford 532 sq. baler, \$800. Rodney Husser, Loranger; (985) 878-8581 or (985) 517-4447.

**5585 Hesston** rd. baler, good cond., \$3500. D. Dutile, Broussard; (337) 837-5729.

**Used 6' Int.** bush hog, w/slip clutch, 8 yrs., \$400. Shelby Judice, New Iberia; (337) 364-8766.

**Brinley bottom** plow for Power King trac., \$145; toolbar for Power King trac., \$45; (2) 8.3x24 trac. tires, on 5-hole IHC wheels, \$75/both. G. H. Bolen, Lake Charles; (337) 439-3518.

**JD 8-row folding** plateless planter, w/insect boxes, field ready for corn, cotton, milo or beans, \$1900; JD 8-row folding hipper, field ready, \$1500. Darrell Lemoine, Plaquemine; (318) 922-3303 or (318) 240-0886.

**MC 1075 Grain** dryer 4 elevators, 80'-60', 60', 40', (5) grain bins, (1) 12,000 bu., (2) 7000 bu., (2) 5000 bu., \$10,000/all or will sell separate. D. Lemoine, Plaquemine; (318) 922-3303 or (318) 240-0886.

**NH 638 4x4** baler, baled 900 bales, \$10,000; Kuhn 700 GMD II cutter, \$4500; JD 720 hay wagon, \$1300, all shed kept., excel. cond., must sell. Mark Vining, Amite; (985) 748-8524.

**W & A 8-row** hipper, w/Orthman row markers, \$2600; Taylorway 8-row cult., w/fenders, \$1500; Bridger planter, 8-row w/row markers, \$1200. Bobby Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

**1949 red Cub trac.**, w/belly mower, \$1500. Cindy Pritchard, Hammond; (985) 386-6269.

**1999 JD 4400**, 4 wd, w/650 hrs., diesel, 36 hp, w/6' grooming mower & box blade, R4 tires, \$12,500. John Lurry, Port Allen; (225) 627-4475.

**JD MX6 rotary** cutter, bought new Sept. '04, used 20 hrs., like new, \$1650; Modern brand 6' box blade, w/hyd. teeth, construction grade, 1/2" side plates, bought new Sept. '04, used twice, \$1650. Michael Richardson, St. Amant; (225) 675-8879 or (225) 268-2618.

**Frontier brand** 6' rotary tiller, gear driven, no chains, bought new Dec. '04, used once, medium grade, rated up to 80 hp trac., \$3250; 6' heavy-duty construction grade bionic blade, front blade is adjustable up to 4", back blades are not angled, you can grade in reverse, bought new Sept. '04, \$900. M. Richardson, St. Amant; (225) 675-8879 or (225) 268-2618.

**580 B Case** backhoe, good cond., \$8000. Marty Roberts, Mount Hermon; (985) 839-0046.

**Gehl CB 800** silage, haylage chopper, 1000 rpm, electric spout, 7" haylage header, 2-row com header, good cond., \$5000. Tim Gautreau, New Iberia; (337) 365-7007.

**1952 IH Farmall** Cub hyd. lift, lights, rebuilt engine, new clutch assembly, battery, paint, good rubber, looks & runs great, \$2750 obo, call before 9 p.m. Jim Ely, Lake Charles; (337) 855-1297.

**2-row planter/corn** & bean sprockets, w/3 pt. hitch, toolbar, \$250; 3 pt. hitch row maker, for small trac., \$300. Wade Leger, Eunice; (337) 457-2308.

**Ford diesel** 1100 trac., 15 hp, w/Ford finishing mower, shed kept, excel. cond., \$3000. Jody Soileau, Ville Platte; (337) 363-5205 or (337) 831-4588.

**FAHR KM 22**, 5', 2 drums, hay cutter, \$150. Robert Barton, Elmer; (318) 659-4672.

**MM G-1350**, 140 hp, 3 pt. hitch, dual tires, LPG, \$4000; Case stationary engine, 50 hp, LPG, 540 PTO, \$1500. John Boudreaux, Abbeville; (337) 893-6743.

**Used 8N Ford** hyd. pump, \$350; transmission assembly, \$600; new fenders, \$65; cyl. head, \$75; 190 XT diesel head, \$200. James Degeyter, Arnaudville; (337) 754-7682.

**1996 NH 4630** trac., 55 PTO hp, 1000 original hrs., dual hydraulics, canopy, excel. cond., \$12,900. Harold Parker, Independence; (985) 878-2067.

**1945 Ford trac.** 740, no equipment, \$1500. E. A. Kling, Baton Rouge; (225) 778-1535.

**JD 3020 diesel**, w/JD front-end loader, w/bucket & hay spear, runs very good, new paint, \$9000; Farmall Super "A", w/Woods belly mower, new paint, runs very good, \$3500. George Gremillion, Bunkie; (318) 346-7354.

**6610 Ford**, 72 hp, canopy, good cond., \$9000. Donald Richardson, Winnfield; (318) 727-8754 or (318) 471-1627.

**JD 4320 110 hp**, clean, good cond., \$8000. Scott Hebert, Eunice; (337) 302-3685 or (337) 432-5104.

**Modern 7' bush** hog, good cond., \$850. Bob Chandler, Lake Charles; (337) 477-7355.

**Bionic type** grader boxes, new, 5', \$575; 6', \$660; 7', \$784; 7' commercial, \$1250. Mike Passman, Amite; (985) 748-5094.

**Sq. hay bale** picker, works great, saves labor, \$900. Jim Gondron, Broussard; (337) 837-1730.

**Woods RM59** grooming mower, 5', good cond., \$500. Todd Gaudet, St. Martinville; before 5 p.m. (337) 319-1970 or after 5 p.m. (337) 394-7935.

**678 NH baler**, 5x5, like new, hardly used, \$15,000 nego. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

**Ford 3000**, w/front-end loader, gas burner, 42 hp, \$5200; Leland, 25 hp, diesel, \$2500. Craig Austin, Pineville; (318) 466-1278.

**1999 Class** baler, Rollant 66, baled approx. 1000 bales, \$10,000; Class cutter, w/cond., 4 yrs., \$6500. C. M. Duplechian, Jennings; (337) 824-2989.

**1-row cult.**, w/3 pt. hookup, \$85; 1 full set Cub cult. arms, \$550; (2)

1/2 sets cult. front arms, \$250/1; 6' offset disc, w/3 pt. hookup, \$600; yellow & wh. cub trac., w/choice of belly mower or plow arms, \$2100. Skeet Cooper, Jena; (318) 992-2206.

**1968 JD 4020** trac., w/dual remote & front weights, new front tires & batteries, excel. cond., \$9500; 8' JD off-set disc, \$2500. Earl Lemoine, Marksville; (318) 253-8639 or (318) 253-9722.

**Int. 384 trac.**, 290 hrs. since overhaul, 3 new tires, new starter, 5' Woods bush hog, great cond., new grill, could use tune up since overhaul, \$6200. T. A. Dugas, New Iberia; (337) 369-3684 or (337) 380-3629.

**MF 165 high crop** diesel, strong engine, less than 3200 hrs., \$2500 obo. Johnny Horton, Quitman; (318) 395-8450.

**Ford 8N**, good tires, needs work, \$1200. Corey LeBlanc, Carencro; (337) 316-1511.

**4' Adj. disc**, made for small compact tractors, 16-20 hp, great for garden or small food plot, good cond., \$250, call after 6 p.m. Chris Williamson, Loranger; (985) 878-2725 or (985) 974-1284.

**L59 Woods** belly mower, fits Farmall "A", Super "A" or 140, \$350; sickle mower for above tracs., \$100. Joe Starkey, Hammond; (225) 294-7999.

**7700 Ford** 80 PTO hp, cab & air, heavy-duty front-end loader, approx. 4700 hrs., very good cond., \$16,000. Philip Beech, Franklinton; (985) 839-3546.

**(2) 29x12.00-15** on universal rims for front, \$200/all or trade. Alice Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240.

**Like new FX20** Yanmar trac., w/new front-end loader, power shift, 3 cyl., 27 hp, 52.5 hrs., \$7000. Dickie Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240.

**Land Pride 60** finishing mower, 3 pt. hitch, needs a little TLC, \$500; also 18 hp yellow Cub Cadet lawn trac., \$500. Phillip Courville, Opelousas; (337) 407-1234.

**Slightly used** 4' King Kutter box blade, category one, \$300. Tom Barry, Eunice; (337) 457-9544 or (337) 521-2033.

**NH 311 sq.** baler, perfect cond., field ready, \$4200. Ronald Fletcher, Holden; (225) 567-2363.

**JD 4960 cab**, air, 200 hp, 4x4, \$39,500; 966 Int., 90 hp, new motor, PTO tires, paint, \$6850. W. A. Lucky, Bossier City; (318) 453-5685.

**MF 135 bush** hog blade, buster & trailer, \$7850/all; 2-ton fert. spreader, \$2000; JD 535 baler, \$6500; NH 320 sq. baler, \$3500; Ford 4600, diesel, \$5850. T. Warner, Bossier City; (318) 453-7688.

**(1) 6' all metal** bush hog, used for cutting hay, good cond., \$850. Joe or Patsy Guidry, Duson; joepat-syg@wmconnect.com or (337) 873-8888.

**Bermuda King** sprig harvester, \$6800; Cub Int. mower, 44" cut, \$1400; Lowes 18/44" mower, \$900; Mold Poison killer, \$1200; Maxim chain drive special tiller, \$450; tiller row maker, \$65; Pasture Dream planter, \$6500; new hay fork, \$395; seat & frame,

\$337; Stephens air planter, \$4850, 6-row cult., \$500. W. Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958.

**1-row 3 pt. hitch**, Covington fert. side dresser, w/sweeps & plows, \$350. S. Gauthier, Kaplan; (337) 643-6041.

**2003 Vermeer** 554 XL rd. baler, acu-tie, w/kicker, like new cond., 5 1/2'x4', used only part of '04 season, \$13,000. Perry Moses, Deville; (318) 448-0841 or (318) 466-9188.

**(2) 532 Ford** sq. balers, (1) working, (1) for parts, \$900/all. Delos Thompson, Jr., Folsom; (985) 796-9872.

**JLG 33' manlift**, mounted on trailer, value-bank in bucket powered by trac. hydraulics, \$2850. Daniel Romero, New Iberia; (337) 380-3795.

**Ford 4000**, \$5600; Ford 8N, \$1800; Ford 3055, \$5200. Joe Major, Church Point; (337) 684-6474 or (337) 945-6960.

**Int. chisel plow**, 4-row W & A hipers, 2-row potato planter potato crates, \$75/1; 1-row riding digger, fork lift, 3 pt. Int. 140, w/tools. Daniel LaGarde, Mansura; (318) 964-2902.

**Hay cutter**, \$650; PZ hay cutter, \$595; Miranda trac., \$10,500. J. L. Beasley, Baker; (225) 775-4355.

**605F Vermeer** hay baler, excel. cond., field ready, \$2500; Vermeer side del. hay rake, field ready, \$500; rear trac. tire, 13.6x28, 85% rubber, \$100. Clayton Rector, Leesville; (337) 238-5853.

**NH 256 rake**, \$800; JD 3 pt. rake, \$575; Bolen, 3 cyl., diesel, w/belly mower, \$1700; Ford 6610 diesel ROPS, \$7700; JD 750, 3 cyl. diesel, w/4' bush hog, \$4800; 784 IH, w/remote, good, \$5675; 6' angle blade, new, \$350; JD sickle mower, \$150. J. R. Coldiron, Jonesville; (318) 729-3441.

**Bush Hog** popup baler loader, \$450; NH 1044 120 bale wagon, \$4500; Athens 10' braking disc, \$1000; NH 273 sq. baler, \$675; JD 224T sq. baler, \$875; Ford 5000 diesel, \$4895; Ford 1210 3 cyl. diesel, \$2700. R. Coldiron, Jonesville; (318) 339-7876.

**Kenco mulch** layer, \$7250; 15' Caldwell cutter, \$950; 604K Vermeer roller, like new, \$12,500. Sam Mondello, Ringgold; (318) 741-1090.

**Wanted:** box blade, 5'6" or 6', w/lever operated retractable scarifier teeth, also winch 8000 or 12,000 lb., 12 volt, Ramsey worm gear winch or 12 volt Ramsey 9500 lb. Patriot winch. Robert LeMaster, Sr., Summit, MS; (601) 684-4540.

**Wanted:** 35-45 hp trac., w/front-end loader, in good to excel. shape, hay spike also wanted. J. Navratilova, Baton Rouge; (225) 752-7992.

**Wanted:** 50-100-gal. 3 pt. boom sprayer, in good cond., for class 1 hitch. Paul Campbell, Breaux Bridge; (337) 845-9981.

**Wanted:** 5' or 6' disc for 3 pt. hookup. C. J. Champagne, New Iberia; (337) 364-1398.

**Wanted:** '02 front-end loader for 45 hp MF trac. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

**Wanted:** Case 450 dozers, any

shape, whole or in parts. P. R. Krantz, Krotz Springs; (337) 592-0170.

**Wanted:** plastic mulch laying machine. Truitt Mitchell, Singer; (337) 463-2111.

**Wanted:** hood or 545 Ford backhoe, 3 cyl. diesel, exhaust close to radiator, left side. Jim Kelly, Keithville; (318) 925-1304.

**Wanted:** used tracs., any cond. Jack Mitchell, Natchitoches; (318) 472-6413.

## FARM TRUCKS & RELATED PARTS

**Front-bumper** for Ford 3000, \$35; Chevy muffler, \$55. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958.

**1993 Ford** 350, w/V8 engine, 26' hyd. scissor lift, platform, side mounted toolboxes, \$7800. Gerd Oppenheim, Norwood; (225) 629-5937 or (504) 866-6551.

**6 yd. dump** truck, been parked, needs work, \$800 firm. Nelson Menard, Youngsville; (337) 856-8044.

**2000 Chevy-Z71** Silverado, loaded, extended cab, fleetside, wh., 102,000 miles, extended warranty, \$13,900. Richard Reeves, Kinder; (337) 639-2602.

**2002 Sierra** GMC, V8, auto, towing, extra leaf in spring, 255 x 70-16 tires, 53,000 miles, bed liner & rails, \$11,900. Martin Bailey, Ville Platte; (337) 599-2865 or (337) 360-6075.

**1976 Chevrolet** truck, w/18'x8'x4' gooseneck hyd. dump grain trailer, \$9000. G. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

**1985 GMC** pickup, V8 engine, LWB, acc., on truck, new engine to be put in, \$1500. Dalton Morvant, Kaplan; (337) 643-8459.

**1997 Dodge** 3500 truck bed, good cond., w/bumper, \$300. Donald Richardson, Winnfield; (318) 727-8754 or (318) 471-1627.

**Int. 1982** semi truck, Cummins 300, 10 spd., wet kit, under 220,000 miles, used mostly to haul sugarcane, \$5800. James Bourgeois, Raceland; (985) 537-3750.

**1989 Ford** L-8000, single axle dump truck, 10 spd. trans., 7.8 Ford diesel, 6 cyl. engine, Ox dump body, 260,000 miles, very good cond., \$12,000 obo. Sonny Ridgell, Tickfaw; (985) 345-1128 or (985) 974-0966.

**1976-1977 Int.** Scout II, for parts or repair, call after 6 p.m., \$600. Chris Williamson, Loranger; (985) 878-2725 or (985) 974-1284.

**(4) 2003** Chevy Silverado truck tires & rims, w/6-holes, Goodyear P245/75 R16 tires, in good shape, \$300. Dickie Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240.

**1994 Chevy** Silverado extended cab cruise, tilt, elec. windows, door locks, auto trans & other extras, high mileage, but in good mechanical cond., \$3500. Alvin Barry, Grayson; (318) 649-5021.



**Ford 600** dump truck, 6 yd., 360 industrial gas engine, '79, \$2000 firm. Danny Newman, Bogalusa; (985) 730-6622.

**1995 Ford F-150 XLT** extended cab pickup, loaded, like new cond., blk. w/red cloth, Tommy-lift & new tailgate, bumper & bed liner, \$6000, or without lift, \$5500. Don Wilson, Oakdale; (318) 335-0607.

**2002 Dodge** 3500 turbo diesel quad cab, auto, w/overdrive, heavy duty towing pkg., 105-gal. auxiliary tank, w/elec. pump & toolboc, \$18,000; '83 Jeep pickup, 4 wd, hi & low, 360 18, 4 new S/M tires, great cond., \$7500 obo Ivan Edwards Sr., Ringgold; (318) 894-9586.

**Wanted:** '02 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 pickup, w/ex. cab, 350 V-8, 5 spd., manual, air, tow pkg. Robert LeMaster, Sr., Summit, MS; (601) 684-4540.

## TRAILERS, WAGONS & EQUIPMENT

**3-horse slant** trailer, \$3500; 2-horse slant trailer, \$2500. T. Warner, Bossier City; (318) 453-7688.

**6'x12' all** metal trailer, single axle, \$400. Joe or Patsy Guidry, Dusan; joepatsyg@wmconnect.com or (337) 873-8888.

**1978 Winnebago**, 45K, new holding tanks & commode, lots of storage, new manifold & gaskets, hoses, belts, batteries, tires, etc., Onan generator, runs great, \$3800 firm. Patricia Swido, Marksville; (318) 447-1842.

**Red 2002 Circle W**, horse trailer, 6'x10', w/removable partition, \$2500. Dominick Costanza, Kenner; (504) 251-2123.

**1993 Sundowner** Sunlite, 3-horse alum. slant load, collapsible rear tack, air/heat strip, new brakes, escape door, drop-down windows on head/bus on rear, excel. shape, \$10,000. Barb Ackerson, Folsom; (985) 796-5070.

**Mini & pony** carts & wagons, 2 wheel & 4 wheel, \$400/1-up. Darron Cunningham, Albany; (225) 567-9594.

**4-wheel horse-drawn** wooden wagon, excel. cond., can be used for display or pull w/horse, \$1500. Tommy King, Bush; (985) 892-6776.

**Dbl. team** covered wagon, hyd. brakes, twin beds, potty room, side box storage, camper stove elec. 12-volt system, \$3000. Frank Nicosia, Independence; (985) 878-4933.

**(2) Hopper bottom** grain trailers, '82, 40' Wilson steel hopper bottom, '73 Core alum., \$3500/both. Tim Gautreau, New Iberia; (337) 365-7007.

**34' Gooseneck** trailer, 8' wide, 3 axles, elec. brakes, w/8000 lb. axles each, ducktail & ramps, w/springs, excel. cond., \$3500; 20' bumper-pull, lowboy trailer, 6'10" wide, 6000 lb. axles, elec. brakes, loading ramps, like new, \$2900.

Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

**2004 18x102x5'** dovetail, heavy-duty trailer, brakes on every axle, gooseneck, \$5000. D. Sherman, Crowley; (337) 788-0240.

**(2) 12,000 lb.** axles, w/hyd. brakes to fit tandem axle lowboy trailer, complete w/springs, bolts, equalizers & (8) 16.5" wheels, \$700. A. W. Beard, Sulphur; (337) 842-0166.

**2001 4 Star**, 2 horse, living quarters, 8' SW, Onan generator, full kitchen & bath, oak cabinets, loaded w/options, elec. jack, drop ramp, mint cond., \$38,999. Donnie Nicosia, Baton Rouge; (225) 751-8820.

**Class C camper** special, sleeps 6, runs great, newly remodeled, very low miles, lots of fun, \$3500 nego. Randall Romero, Abbeville; (337) 898-5890.

**(35) Cotton trailers**, 8'-10' wide, 24'-40' long, for hay trailers or storing crawfish traps, good to excel. cond., del. avail., \$500-\$1450. T. L. Enright, Sr., Sicily Island; (318) 389-5395.

**1999 Featherlite** 6-horse alum. trailer, excel. cond., 7' short wall, w/awning, ac & heat, partially finished living quarters, \$18,500. T-Boy Waite, Sulphur; (337) 583-9529.

**1999 17'6" x 6'6"** bumper Bonanza 4-horse combination trailer, \$2500. Bill Longino, Pollock; (318) 765-9670.

**2001 3-horse** slant, w/dressing room & tack, electric brakes, good cond., metal gooseneck trailer, blue & white pinstripes, \$4000. Chad White, Melville; (337) 623-3754.

**24' gooseneck** stock trailer, \$2000. Sam Mondello, Ringgold; (318) 741-1090.

**Wanted:** small 4 wheel gravity feed wagon, in good cond. Gerd Oppenheim, Norwood; (225) 629-5937 or (504) 866-6551.

## FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

**Yamaha 400** 4 wheel drive, 4 wheeler, runs well, 1600 miles, \$2500. Jerry Peloquin, Lake Charles; (337) 478-3125.

**Stump grinder**, \$5000; Prefiort squeeze chute, \$1000. T. Warner, Bossier City; (318) 453-7688.

**Bathroom sink**, \$35; (2) gas edgers, \$65/1. Wayne Ward, Saline; (318) 576-9958.

**14" blk. barrel** horse saddle, w/accessories, Martha Josie bridle, breastplate & blanket, like new, \$375; horse washer rack, \$50. Michel Fox, New Iberia; (337) 369-8020.

**Barrels**, food grade, screw on lids, good for feed or water, \$12-\$15/1, quantity price avail. Michael Ricca, Lacombe; (985) 882-6522.

**Wood lathe**, \$75; chop saws, 220 volt, commercial, \$100; 70' heavy-duty welding lead, \$40; 60# SS med. gauge welding wire, \$50.

Larry Wagner, Destrehan; (985) 764-9279.

**Calf creep** feeder, in very good cond., \$225. Roger Willie, Folsom; (985) 796-5364.

**Blacksmith** coal, \$20/100 lb. sack. Buddy Leonard, Covington; (985) 892-1137.

**Structural steel** pipe, 4" OD 38'-44' long, \$2.5/ft.; 4 1/2" OD & 5" OD, 31' long, \$3/ft. F. E. Van Hook, Arcadia; (318) 263-2307.

**500-gal. fuel** tank, on skids, good shape, \$250. Jean Romero, Erath; (337) 937-6777.

**Okra cutters**, large hand operated, \$130/1. Franklin Courville, Opelousas; (337) 407-0188.

**2 3/8" tubing**, 85¢/ft.; 2 7/8", 95¢/ft.; 3 1/2" tubing, \$1.75/ft., small & larger sizes also avail. Terri Brasseaux, Carencro; (337) 896-8462.

**2" & 3" air powered** trash pumps, w/all hoses, air & liquid, \$800/both; restaurant type power wall ventilator 115 or 220 volts, \$350. Michael Daigle, Branch; (337) 224-0501.

**Adult saddle**, \$200; cab for JD 2030 or JD 400, \$200; JD lawn mower, 42" cut, \$600. Willie Richard, Rayne; (337) 334-3443.

**17" Passier** dressage saddle, medium tree, good cond., \$300, other equipment & tack avail. Elaine Clause, Dusan; (337) 289-9629.

**Feeder belt**, 16" wide, 230' long, w/15 hp motor, \$1000. Carrol Lavergne, Opelousas; (337) 942-7238.

**(2) New 16"** Aussie stock saddles, w/saddle horns & leather covered stirrups, \$250/1 or both for \$450; 15" barrel saddle, rawhide trim, like new, \$350. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite; (985) 748-5556.

**2 3/8" tubing**, 85¢/ft.; 2 7/8", 95¢/ft. Gene Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

**(2) 600-bushel** grain tanks, w/unloading augers, \$1200. G. Denton, Jena; (318) 992-4504.

**450' 4/0 underground** alum. wire, still on spool, \$650; 110' of chain link yard fence, you take down, 1 yr., \$200, call after 5 p.m. Susan Etheridge, Crowville; (318) 722-3376.

**Organic rabbit** fertilizer, the best for flower & garden, doesn't smell, won't burn plants, \$2.5/bag. Dale Falcon, Prairieville; (225) 673-4833.

**New galv.** panels, w/mud boots, all include 4' bow gate, 7 bars, 16 gauge, 40' rd. pen, \$730; 50', \$895; 60', \$1115. Michael Passman, Amite; (985) 748-5094.

**Un-used Troxel** Legacy Gold riding helmet, blk., med., \$30; Allflex handheld stock prod, \$15; dbl. twisted wire snaffle bit, \$15/1. Debby Sharbaugh, Ethel; (225) 683-4919.

**14 1/2" Sharon** Camarillo barrel saddle, square skirt, good cond., \$300. Barb Ackerson, Folsom; (985) 796-5070.

**Ammerman team** roping saddle, 15 1/2" seat, like new, \$650. Paul Doucet, Sulphur; (337) 583-9590.

**55-gal. plastic** drums, \$20/1; 2 7/8" drill pipe, 90¢/ft. Loyton Courville, Sunset; (337) 662-3758.

**Cattle guard**, 16' long, 7' wide, \$800. Raymond Procell, Pelican; (318) 755-2364.

**Galv. rd. pens**, all include 4' walk-through bow gate, del. avail, 40', \$650; 50', \$750; 60', \$850; 80', \$1120. Carl Barlow, Pride; (225) 603-5610.

**Galv. corral** panels, del. avail., 5'x10', \$47/1 or \$1050/25; 5'x12' heavy-duty, \$65/1 or \$1550/25; 6'x12' heavy duty, \$75/1 or \$1800/25; 100'x200' arena, w/10' gate, \$2650. Billy Barlow, Pride; (225) 603-5610.

**Rebuilt injection** pump & injectors for Onan engine model MDJE, excel. shape, \$150. B. Bergeron, Eunice; (337) 457-1909.

**(2) 20,000 gal.** fuel tanks, \$5500/1 obo; (2) 4000-gal. fuel tanks, \$2000/1 obo. Chris Dupeire, Belle Rose; (225) 473-6634.

**5 1/2" steel** pipe, over 8' long Great F fencing, \$12 a joint or will fabricate them for you, \$65 & up. Keith Matte, Branch; (337) 334-9272.

**16" Roping** saddle, like new, approx. 1 yr., used very little, \$225. Wayne Mouch, Addis; (225) 921-0829.

**14 hp 36" cut** Snapper riding lawn mower, good body, good deck, engine needs work, \$125. Preston Hebert, Scott; (337) 234-8150 or (337) 278-8121.

**16" Western** saddle, used one time, like new, \$350; used 15" roping saddle, in good shape, \$350. Blake Veillon, Ville Platte; (337) 363-4355 or (337) 831-3247.

**17" Roping** saddle, with saddle bags, \$400. F. Goudeau, Melville; (337) 623-5564 or (337) 623-4710.

**Western saddle**, blk. leather, w/tan suede seat accents, 16" seat, semi bars, 2 yrs., just broken in, lightweight, good general use saddle, \$175. Cathe Charlier, Youngsville; (337) 857-0297.

**Wanted:** clean golf cart or Easy Go for parts, mine broke, will sell for parts. Phillip Courville, Opelousas; (337) 407-1234

**Wanted:** feed mixer wagon. R. LaBorde, Hessmer; (318) 563-4566.

**Wanted:** galv. corral panels, portable sweep pens & rd. pens, in usable cond., will pay up to \$30 on panels depending on cond. Tim Smith, Raceland; (985) 537-1074.

**Wanted:** old gristmill or old millstones, any size. Richard Eaves, Demopolis, AL; raleaves@email.com or (334) 289-8906.

## FROM THE FARM

Please include a statement along with your ad indicating how the item has been or can be used on a farm.

**Antique cast** iron wash pots, several sizes, (2) 30-gal., mint cond. \$325/1; several smaller sizes, \$200/1. Frank Nicosia, Jr., Independence; (985) 878-4933.

**Goat milk** soap, natural & good for your skin, no petroleum or artificial ingredients, various scents, \$4/1. Melanie Blackmer, Lake Charles; Pdavenp913@aol.com or (337) 478-2208.

**Wanted:** old sugar or syrup kettles, any size. Steven, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-8739 or (225) 938-9366.

**Wanted:** old coke machines or signs. Kathy, Baton Rouge; (225) 261-8739 or (225) 938-9366.

**Wanted:** Ford '50 or '51 car, running or not, need many parts, body & motor. T. A. Dugas, New Iberia; (337) 369-3684 or (337) 380-3629.

**Wanted:** venders for Saturday, 7 a.m.-1 p.m., Charlestown Market, 1001 Ryan St., Lake Charles, produce, homemade food items, baked goods, candies, homemade crafts, honey, eggs, nuts, plants, etc., every Saturday. Sandra Bullock, Westlake; (337) 436-0579.

## FAIRS & FESTIVALS

**Fairs & Festivals** around the state: May 5-8, Cochon De Lait Festival, Mansura; May 6-8, Breaux Bridge Crawfish Festival, Breaux Bridge; May 7, Celebration of Herbs and Garden, Sunset; May 7, Louisiana Cajun Food Fest, Kaplan; May 7, Louisiana Honey Bee Festival, Walker.

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is May 8*





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ers from losing everything when prices go down," McCann said.

Target prices for 2004-2007 for some Louisiana commodities include \$2.63/bushel, corn; \$2.57/bushel, grain sorghum; \$10.50/hundredweight for rice; \$5.80/bushel, soybeans; and \$.724, upland cotton.

Here is how the effective price is determined: the effective price is *equal* to the direct payment rate (explained previously) plus the higher of either the national average of what that commodity is being sold for in the market or the national loan rate for the commodity set by the government.

Using an example for soybeans from the FSA Web site, here's how the effective price is calculated:

<b>Direct payment rate</b>	<b>\$ .44</b>
<b>Average market price</b>	<b>+ \$5.10</b>
<b>Effective price</b>	<b>\$5.54</b>

In this example, \$5.54 becomes the effective price for soybeans. Using the FSA's target price list above, this number is below the \$5.80/bushel target price set for soybeans to nearly cover total production costs so the counter-cyclical payment would be issued.

The counter-cyclical payment rate is then determined by subtracting the effective price, \$5.54, from the target price, \$5.80.

This leaves a counter-cyclical payment rate of \$.26/bushel.

The counter-cyclical payment is calculated using the same formula as the direct payment – 85 percent of base acreage *times* the farm's counter-cyclical payment yield *times* the counter-cyclical payment rate.

If that's not complicated enough, farmers had two choices in determining their counter-cyclical payment yield. Once the yield was set, it remains for the life of the 2002 Farm Bill.

The other payment available to farmers is the LDP or *loan deficiency payment*, part of the Nonrecourse Marketing Assistance Loan program. Marketing assistance loans provide producers interim financing at harvest time, when market prices are typically low, to meet cash flow needs. They allow the farmers to store their commodities until market prices are better for selling.

In lieu of a marketing assistance loan, producers who qualify can instead take an LDP. The LDP is the difference between the loan rate established for a commodity at a given location and the announced market price.

#### On the horizon

Three years into learning the math of the 2002 Farm Bill, farmers paid close attention in February when the administration

unveiled its proposed budget cuts. The proposal suggested reducing all farm payments by 5 percent, lowering the maximum payment amount a farm can receive and changing loan deficiency payments.

Producers of cotton and rice, two of Louisiana's major crops, would bear the brunt of the cuts. So much so, two LSU professors prepared a report on the effects Louisiana cotton and rice producers would feel if the cuts are implemented. Dr. Michael E. Salassi and Dr. Kenneth W. Paxton, professors in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness at the LSU AgCenter, concluded in their April 8 report that a 5 percent reduction in program payments would reduce net income for rice and cotton farmers by more than 20 percent. They also concluded that changing loan deficiency payments, currently paid on actual production, to 85 percent of direct payment program yield, a proposed budget cut, would reduce rice net farm income by more than 40 percent and cotton net farm income by more than 50 percent.

Finally, the duo concluded that the two proposals together would reduce net farm income for typical rice and cotton farms by more than 60 percent.

"Those numbers are mighty hard to swallow," Odom said. "We're going to stay on

top of this and make sure there's some other way to streamline the budget without reducing payments to farmers."

Odom encouraged farmers and consumers to contact their Congressional representatives and voice their feelings about the proposed cuts to current programs. He pointed to Mindy Hetzel, the wife of a fourth-generation farmer, as an example of how to effectively support farm programs.

The Lake Charles American Press recently reported on a letter-writing campaign Hetzel is coordinating based out of Henderson Implement, the Welsh equipment dealership where she works. Hetzel wrote a sample letter that farmers and other concerned citizens can copy and use at their discretion. Henderson Implement will pay for the postage and is providing mailing labels and envelopes.

"This is a real grassroots effort and grassroots works," Odom said. "This is not a farmer issue or a consumer issue, it's an everybody issue. If the proposed budget cuts are made to farm programs and farms begin to fail, everyone will feel it – governments who function on taxpayer funding, retailers, restaurants, churches, and everybody else.

"If we raise our voices loud enough, they will hear us in Washington, D.C."



## COOKERY

### Spring Veggies

#### Spring Salad & Dressing

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| 1 medium head cabbage, shredded | 4 green onions (tops included), finely chopped |
| 2 bunches radishes, sliced thin | 1 stalk celery, sliced thin                    |

Mix together all ingredients.

#### Dressing

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| 1 tsp. flour      | 1 egg           |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt | 1/2 cup vinegar |
| 3/4 cup sugar     | 1 tbsp. butter  |

Mix all ingredients and cook until thick. Cool and toss with salad mixture.

#### Spring Vegetable Soup

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| 1 lb. yellow squash, julienne | Salt & pepper to taste |
| 1 lb. tomato, julienne        | 2 quarts cream         |
| 1 lb. carrots, julienne       | 1 gallon chicken stock |
| 1 lb. zucchini, julienne      | Flour                  |
| 1 lb. leeks, julienne         | Butter                 |

Saute' vegetables in butter. Add flour, add chicken stock, reduce. Add cream. Garnish with additional tomato julienne and blanched zucchini.

#### Okra Cornbread

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|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 cup sliced okra    | Box of Jiffy cornbread mix |
| 1 cup onion, chopped | Salt & pepper to taste     |
| 1 cup tomato, diced  |                            |
| 2 eggs               |                            |

Stir together okra, onion & tomato; add salt and pepper. Mix in eggs and cornbread mix. Pour into a greased pan and dot w/butter. Bake at 375 degrees for 30-40 minutes until brown.

# Coming Your Way

**Free to Dream** Therapeutic Riding Center will host its 5th annual trail ride beginning at 9 a.m. April 30 at Laurel Valley Plantation in Thibodaux.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. The fee is \$10 per person and includes a meal ticket. Proof of a negative Coggins test is required.

Horse or mule-drawn wagons are welcome. No ice chests are allowed; refreshments will be sold.

Free to Dream Therapeutic Riding Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of individuals with emotional, mental and physical disabilities through the use of horses.

For more information, contact Veronica Songe at (985) 537-0850 or Tony Stein (225) 265-8663.

**Dennis Reis** will hold a two-day horse clinic April 30 and May 1 at the Lamar-Dixon Expo Center in Gonzales.

The fee for the 2005 No Dust Tour is \$25 for both days.

For more information, contact Phil at (985) 878-3039.

**Louisiana Tech University's** farm production sale will be held at 1 p.m. May 7 in Ruston.

Animals available include horses, heifers, steers, hogs and lambs.

A Web site has been set up for the sale at [www.livestocksale.latech.edu](http://www.livestocksale.latech.edu).

For more information, contact Dr. Gary Kennedy at (318) 257-3275.

**The Dusty Riders** are sponsoring a trail ride to benefit the American Cancer Society at 2 p.m. May 7 at Zero Brahman Ranch in Thibodaux.

Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. The fee is \$10 person and includes a meal.

Wagons are welcome.

For more information, contact Tony or Bridget Stein at (225) 265-8663 or Aledia Parks at (985) 537-3765.

**Silver Spur Riders Club** will host open horse shows May 7, June 18 and July 2 beginning at 8 a.m. at Burton Coliseum's indoor arena in Lake Charles.

Classes include English, halter, judged Western and speed events.

Stalls, hookups and concessions available.

For more information, contact Renee Jordan at (337) 855-3279.

**Cajun Country Miniature Horse Club** will hold a meeting at 11:30 a.m. May 7 at Wisteria Mini Horse Ranch, 139 Coteau Spur, in Opelousas.

For more information, contact Monette at (337) 942-8178 or shelley@eatel.net.

**IHC Chapter #31** state show will be held May 13-14 at the Washington Parish Fairgrounds in Franklinton.

The show will feature International Harvester tractors, cadets, trucks, engines and other equipment along with farm-related crafts and parts vendors.

RV hookups are available.

For more information, contact Buddy Banks at (985) 732-3950 or bbbanks@i-55.com, or contact Charlie Stewart at (985) 735-8900.

**A trail ride** to benefit Acadiana Area Special Olympics will be held May 14 & 15 at Cowboys in Scott.

For more information, contact Brenda at [brendat@vrml.k12.la.us](mailto:brendat@vrml.k12.la.us) or Charlie Courville at [acadiana-sol@bellsouth.net](mailto:acadiana-sol@bellsouth.net).

**Louisiana Team Penning Association** is holding shows beginning at 7:30 p.m. April 29, May 13 and May 27 at T-N-T Arena in Elm Grove.

Benefit shows start at 1 p.m. with double points. Buckles will be presented to high point earners in adult classes and trophy halters with leads to winning teams in all classes except juniors. All junior riders will get a trophy.

For more information, contact Billy at (318) 987-9955, Tammy at (318) 464-3351 or email [LTA-POINTS@aol.com](mailto:LTA-POINTS@aol.com).

**Livingston Horse Show** Association has shows scheduled for 9 a.m. May 14 and May 28.

Age groups include peanut, pee-wee, junior and senior. Classes include halter, performance, English and gaited, timed events and novice.

For more information, contact Deloris Senez at (225) 664-3150 or Wanda Johnson at (225) 664-3169.

**Deep South Stock Horse Show** Association will hold open horse shows May 7, May 21 and June 4 at Shady Park Arena in Baton Rouge.

The shows include Western judged and timed events.

Halter begins at 9 a.m., judged at 10:30 a.m. and speed after 1 p.m.

High point and high point reserve awards will be presented at each show. Points will accrue for end-of-the-year awards.

For more information, contact

Jenny Redhead at (225) 978-2447.

**The Louisiana Grazing Land Management Workshop** will be held May 19-21 at the Best Western Conference Center in Alexandria.

Topics will include an introduction to management intensive grazing, economics of grazing management, layout and design of grazing systems, and many others.

The workshop fee is \$50 per person and attendance is limited to 100 people.

For more information, call (337) 824-9533 or (318) 473-7808.

**Tri-State Rodeo Association**, sponsored by the Greenwell Springs Youth Riders, is hosting its 47th annual rodeo at 8 p.m. May 20-21 at the BREC Greenwell Springs Park Arena in Greenwell Springs.

Events will include bull riding, breakaway roping, calf roping, bareback riding, barrel racing, team roping, saddle bronc riding and calf scramble.

There will be cash prizes and a bicycle give away.

Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children ages six to twelve, and free for children five and under.

For more information, contact Kendall Gerald (225) 658-6292.

**Calcasieu Horseman's Club** will host open horse shows May 28, June 4 and July 9 at the Burton Arena in Lake Charles.

The shows are PAC approved and feature four age divisions and classes for special needs riders.

Classes include halter, color, showmanship, leadline, Western and English disciplines, reigning

and speed events.

Seven additional shows are planned for the remainder of the year.

For more information, contact (337) 528-9441 or (337) 794-0662.

**Pedersen and Pedersen Auctions** is accepting consignments for its 2005 Open Ranch Horse Competition and Sale to be held May 27-28 at the Beauregard Parish Civic Center Arena in DeRidder.

Consignment forms can be downloaded from the Web site, [www.pedersenhorseauctions.com](http://www.pedersenhorseauctions.com).

Sale is open to Quarter Horses, Paints, Thoroughbreds and Appaloosas.

To place ads in the sale catalog or reserve vendor's booths contact Cindy Quebedeaux by email [cquebedeaux@xspedius.net](mailto:cquebedeaux@xspedius.net) or phone (337) 494-1333.

For more information, contact Erik Pedersen at (337) 328-8573, Tommy Carson at (337) 263-3317 or Mike Pedersen at (337) 794-5737.

**Triple "R" Riding Club** and Avoyelles Council on Aging will host a trail ride to benefit the senior citizens of Avoyelles Parish at 10 a.m. June 11 at Yellow Bayou Park in Simmesport.

The entry fee is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. Lunch will be served during the 14-mile ride.

An auction, dinner and dance will follow the conclusion of the ride.

For more information, contact Sabrina Sonnier at (318) 253-9771 or (318) 253-8416.

## Science fair winners, continued from page 12

Sapplings," Cedar Creek School, Ruston; Kevin Campbell, "Effects of Inhibitory Plant Compounds on Seed Germination," Cedar Creek School, Ruston.	Brouillette, "Test-tube Chickens?" Boyet Junior High, Slidell; Lauren Kuhlmeier, "Bagasse to Charcoal – Cleaner Fuel From Sugarcane Waste," Baton Rouge Magnet High School, Baton Rouge.
Region IV – Jaymee McFarland, "To Thin or Not to Thin," South Grant Elementary, Dry Prong; Kelsey Moreau, "Caponization: The Lost Art," Avoyelles High School, Moreauville.	Region VIII – Brittany Morgan, "Grass or Dirt, which works?" Albany Middle School, Albany; Brandie Kerbou, "Crossbreeding," Mt. Hermon School, Mt. Hermon.
Region V – Caroline Watkins, "The Little Things in Life," Our Lady Immaculate School, Welsh; Lara Lignitz, "Osmosis Through an Eggshell," Hamilton Christian Academy, Lake Charles.	Region IX – Alison Harrington, "How do soil & environment affect see growth?" Academy of the Sacred Heart, New Orleans; Hannah Roher, "The effect of salinity on duckweed root development," Ben Franklin High School, New Orleans.
Region VI – Lauren Davis, "An Examination of the Insulation Ability of Natural Products," Dodson Elementary, New Iberia; Tate Guillotte, "The Effects of Tillage Reduction on Sugarcane Yields," Catholic High School, New Iberia.	Region X – Matthew Waguespack, "The effects of flooding on young sugarcane," St. Mary Nativity School, Raceland; Brandon Foret, "Where is the grass greener?" Central Lafourche High School, Raceland.
Region VII – Troy	

## Making groceries, continued from page 1

According to the USDA's Economic Research Service, Americans spend 10 percent of their annual disposable income for food, by far the lowest in the world. The next lowest figure comes from consumers in Finland (16%). Those at the bottom of the scale are Mexico (33%) and India (51%). (See accompanying chart.)

Angi is partial to farmers.

"My maternal grandfather was a cotton farmer in Arkansas," said the 32-year-old mother. "And I try to buy local. I love the Farmer's Market and Smith's Creamery. I think I'm a little more clued in to Louisiana agriculture than average."

They also buy Kleinpeter milk and other Louisiana products, but Steve, 38, originally from Scotland, said there are some national and international brands they prefer.

"We buy predominantly U.S. products, but there are some United Kingdom chocolates I like," he admitted.

Steve and Angi, like all U.S. families, enjoy the fruits of contemporary American agricultural customs.

Modern U.S. agricultural practices have become very efficient

and allow American producers to compete with countries who enjoy extremely low labor costs. In 1935 there were nearly seven million American farms and each farmer produced enough food to feed 20 people annually. By 2002, the number of farms had dropped to less than three million, but the average U.S. farmer produced enough food to nourish more than 100 people. In addition to supplying the national consumer, there is enough U.S. grain and other foodstuffs left over to market nearly one-third of the national farm acreage to overseas customers.

But Angi acknowledges the consumer grocery distribution system is not perfect. She would prefer to shop at smaller neighborhood grocery, but the logistics of hauling two small children around can be problematic for anything but one-stop shopping. And while she enjoys the convenience of the large super-stores, she thinks quality is sometimes substituted for price on one item her family enjoys: tomatoes.

"I do not like the tomatoes in the larger stores," Angi said. "They just don't seem to have any taste. They're not the same as the kind I

can find in the smaller stores.

"I love the fact that you can go into your neighborhood store and you can find just about any kind of produce you want," Angi said. "Leeks, salads, herbs, they're all very easily found."

"When I think of the American farmer I think of someone who's subsidized by the government to a degree," Steve said. But considering the farmer's annual risky gamble on Mother Nature and huge monetary investment in equipment and land he agreed they should be able to enjoy a middle-class lifestyle even if they are subsidized.

"Hopefully, as in any business, you would have the opportunity to at least make a middle income," Steve said. "I'm not sure if they go into farming because their families were in farming or as a business venture, but I would hope they had a chance to make a middle income."

There is a pop culture expression, popular in farming circles for years, often seen on bumper stickers in rural communities: "Don't criticize farmers with your mouth full."

"I've never heard that," Steve laughed. "But it makes very good sense."





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# Fourth annual science fair awards promote agriculture and forestry

Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom presented the fourth annual Bob Odom Best in Agriculture and Forestry Science Fair Achievement Awards during Louisiana Ag Day ceremonies in March.

The science fair awards are presented annually as an effort to encourage interest in agriculture and forestry among young people participating in regional science fairs throughout the state. One junior high and one senior high student who exhibit outstanding projects in the fields of agriculture and forestry are selected at each fair.

"Because of conditions in recent years in agriculture, especially bad weather and low prices, fewer and fewer young people are entering the farm business. They want to make money without having to worry about the cyclical nature of weather, world market prices and other factors beyond their control," Odom said.

"It's important for young people to remember, even though ag has its ups and down, it is the backbone of this state and country. They might choose not to work in the industry as a farmer or forester, but hopefully, through these awards, we can spark an interest in the research, further marketing of agricultural and

forestry commodities, or other professional disciplines."

Research is particularly vital, Odom said. "In order to keep our current farmers in business and maintain this country's pre-eminent position as the world's number one food supplier, we need young people to develop new varieties, to advance farm and forest processes, and to bring new ideas to the table."

This year central Louisiana, an important agriculture and forestry region in the state, held its first regional science fair in recent years.

"We were pleased to present an award in Alexandria as their fair gets revitalized," Odom said. "Forestry, nursery stock and sugarcane are vital to the economy of

central Louisiana and we want to reinforce that in the minds of the students. We want to see what they think the future holds for those crops."

Odom noted that one of this year's recipients has received the Best in Agriculture and Forestry Science Fair Achievement Award three out of the four years it has been presented.

"Tate Guillotte from New Iberia is an example of what this awards program hopes to foster in science fair participants – dedication to agriculture and forestry. Tate has taken serious looks at various aspects of sugarcane and will probably one day play a key role in shaping the industry."

A judge from the Department of Agriculture and Forestry was sent to each regional science fair to select two Best in Agriculture and Forestry award winners. To qualify for the award, a student's project has to incorporate some aspect of agriculture and/or forestry.

Award winners received a certificate of commendation for their achievement and a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond from Odom. Students who won at regional science fairs that took place before March 18 were invited to attend Louisiana Ag Day in Baton Rouge and receive their certificate from Odom during a special ceremony. The students also displayed their projects for those in attendance.

This year's award recipients are:

Region I – Madalyn

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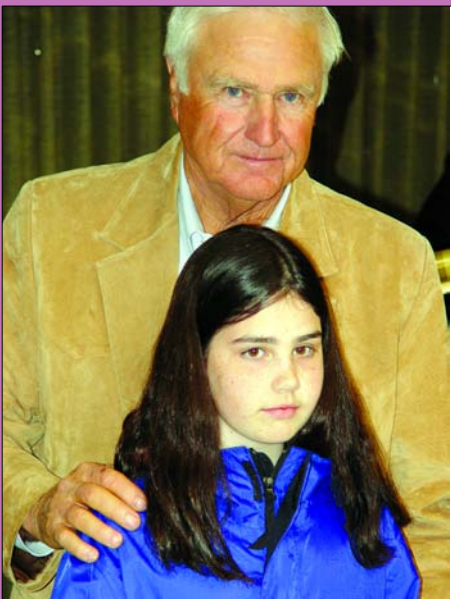
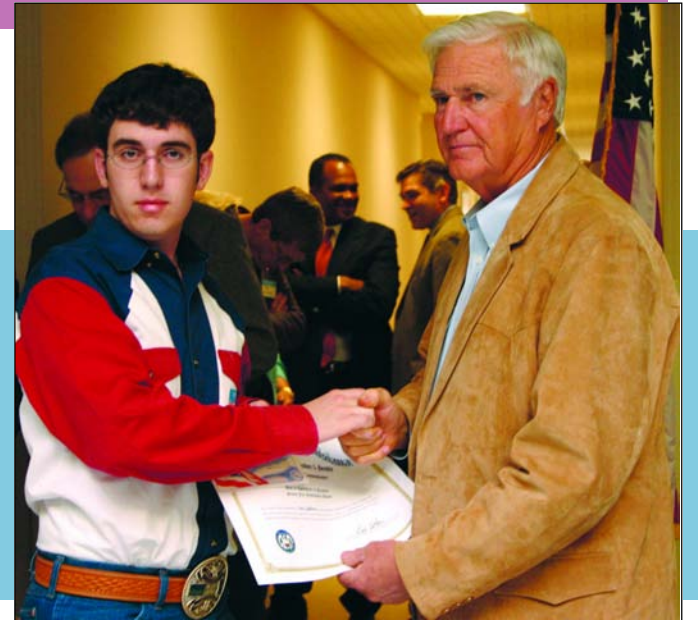


**Lauren Kuhlmeier (above), a tenth-grade student at Baton Rouge Magnet High School, and Tate Guillotte, an eleventh-grade student at Catholic High New Iberia, receive a science fair achievement award from Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Bob Odom.**

Culpepper, "A Shade Above the Rest," Central Elementary School, Dubberly; William Chiang, "Making Ethanol Fuel From Corn," Caddo Magnet High School,

Shreveport.

Region II – Abigail Mosley, "Chloride Introductions and Reactions in Commercial Pine See Science fair winners, page 10



**Hannah Roher, a ninth-grade student at Ben Franklin High School in New Orleans (clockwise from top); Matthew Waguespack, a seventh-grade student at St. Mary Nativity School in Raceland; Troy Brouillette, an eighth-grade student at Boyet Junior High in Slidell; and Alison Harrington, a seventh-grade student at Academy of the Sacred Heart in New Orleans, receive science fair awards from Commissioner Bob Odom on Ag Day.**